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The occupier state's nearly two-year reign of genocide and displacement expands in Gaza and the West Bank as global voices of condemnation grow louder and stronger.
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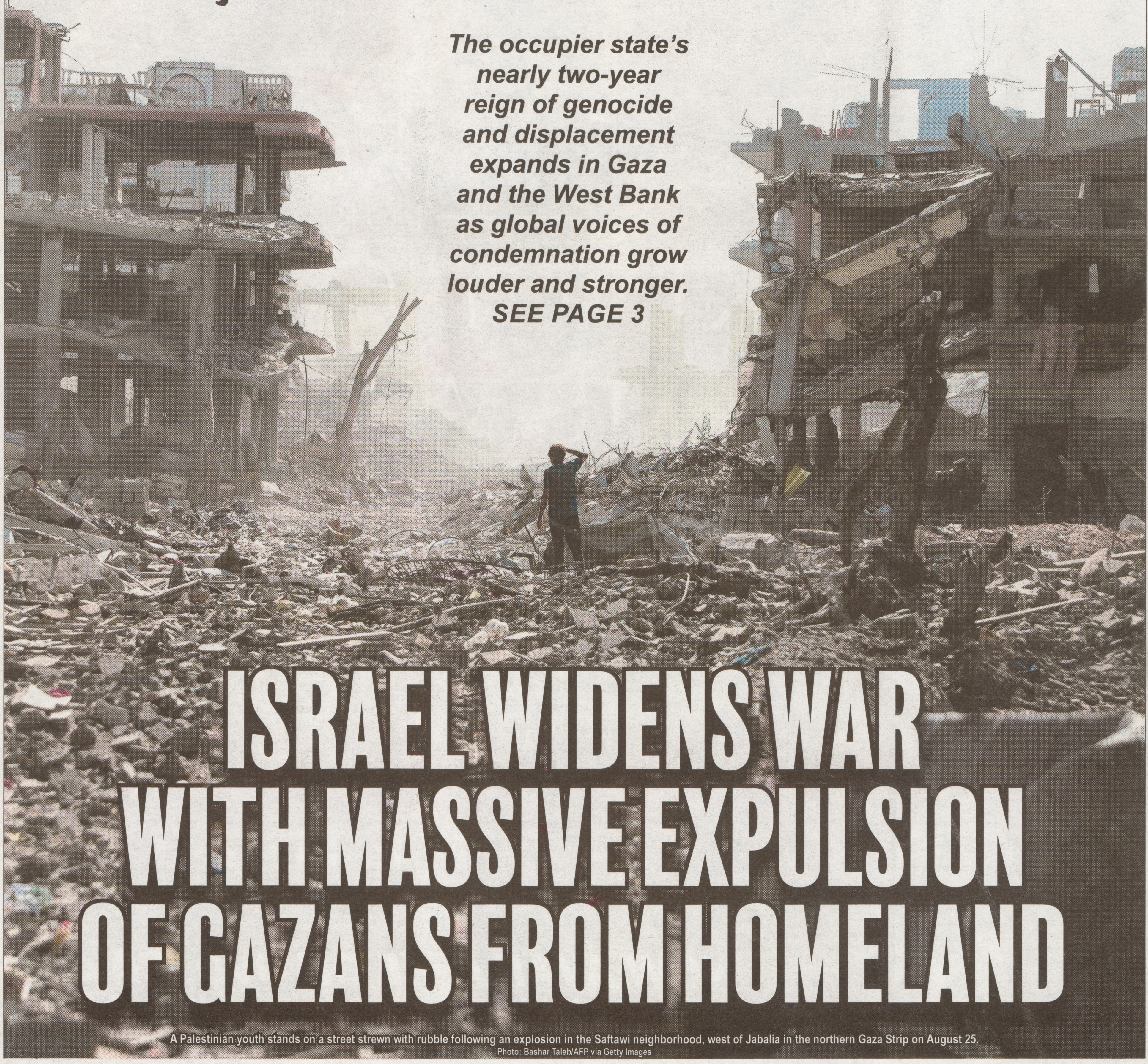

A Palestinian youth stands on a street strewn with rubble following an explosion in the Saftawi neighborhood, west of Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip on August 25.
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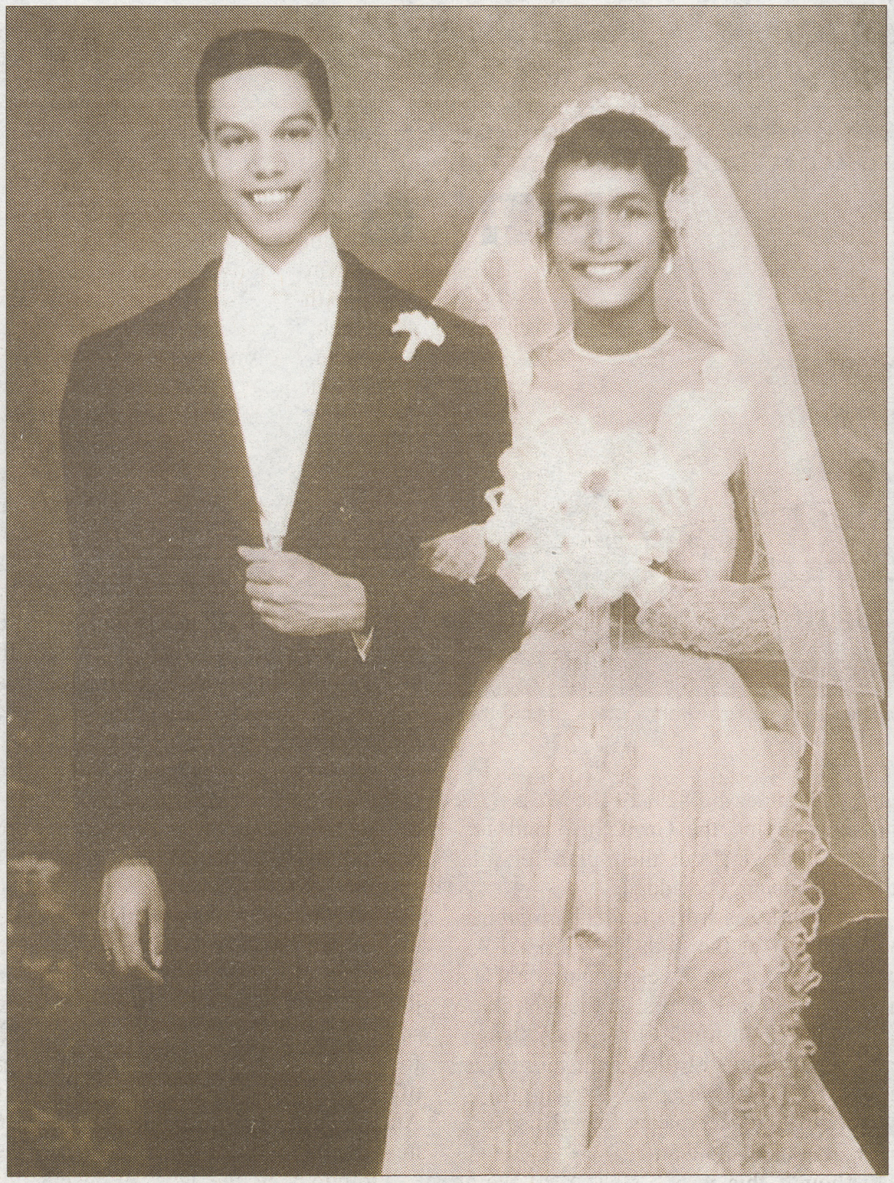

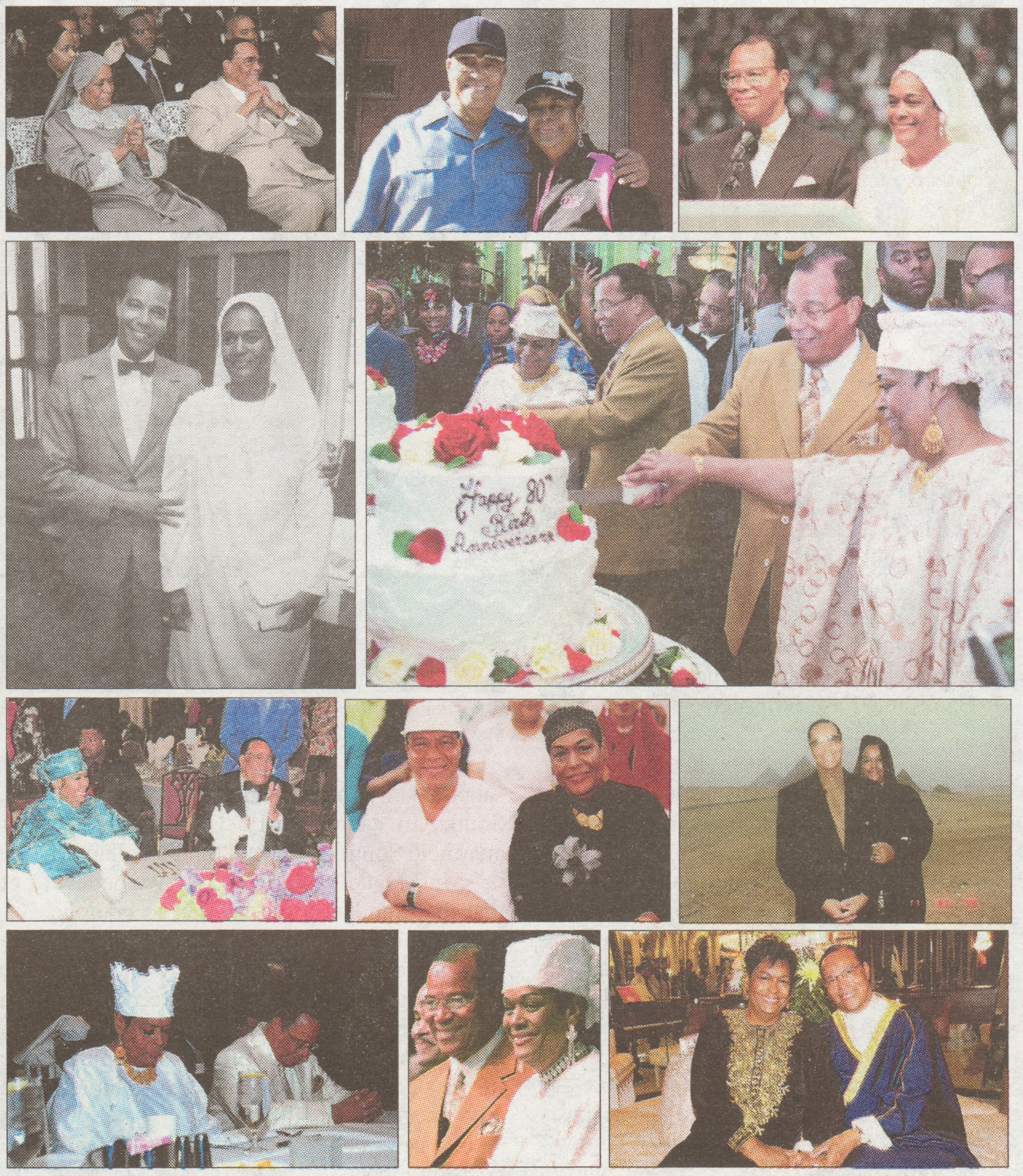

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IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL.

"He it is Who created you from a single soul, and of the same did He make his mate, that he might find comfort in her. So when he covers her she bears a light burden, then moves about with it. Then when it grows heavy, they both call upon Allah, their Lord: If You give us a good one, we shall certainly be grateful."
~Holy Qur'an, Surah 7, Verse 189

Happy 72nd Wedding Anniversary To The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and Mother Khadijah Farrakhan who were married on September 12, 1953!

On behalf of the Shura Executive Council and the entire Nation of Islam, we love you.
We thank you for your example of strength, duty, faith and steadfastness in the cause of Islam as students and servants of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad.
May Allah (God) continue to bless you and the Farrakhan family.

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Amid global outcry, Israel widens its brutal campaign

Palestinians mourn over the bodies of people who were killed in an Israeli army strike, during their funeral outside Shifa Hospital in Gaza City, Sept. 4. AP Photo/Jehad Alshrafi

International anger at Israel's unprecedented atrocities in its war on the Palestinian people is mounting, with growing calls to end the conflict as it nears two years this October 7. At the anger of Israel and its chief backer, the United States, several Western nations, including France, Australia, Canada, Portugal, the United Kingdom, and Belgium, are set to join more than 140 countries in recognizing Palestinian statehood. A formal announcement is expected during September's annual United Nations General Assembly in New York.

However, despite verbal condemnation, mounting demonstrations, even within Israel, and capitals worldwide, Israel has doubled-down on its extreme behavior—amplifying carnage in Gaza, intensifying repression across the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem, and widening the warfront to include Yemen.

For some observers and organizers, Israel's reaction is unsurprising to what they say is only a symbolic recognition of statehood.

"They could be doing more … words are cheap," said Muhammad Sankari, spokesman for the U.S. Palestinian Community Network-Chicago (US PCN), referring to nations that decry Israel's war conduct on one side but maintain relations with the occupier on the other side.

"Recognizing the state of Palestine that doesn't even exist in any real material way does nothing for the Palestinian people," he told The Final Call. "If these countries wanted to make a real impact, they could level sanctions against the State of Israel," he added.

While the wave of recognition marks a diplomatic shift, some see the gesture as hollow without real impact on the suffering among Palestinians. He argues that Israel's actions, including annexation and ethnic cleansing, are supported by the U.S. and Europe, aiming to remake the Middle East. Mr. Sankari said Israel cannot survive without being propped up by America, Europe and "reactionary Arab" regimes.

Other activists like Manla Mandela, the grandson of Nelson and Winnie Mandela, agreed, telling Reuters that is what worked against White minority rule in apartheid in South Africa.

"Many of us that have visited the occupied territories in Palestine have only come back with one conclusion—that the Palestinians are experiencing a far worse form of apartheid than we ever experienced, said Mr. Mandela. "We believe that the global community has to continue supporting the Palestinians, just as they stood side by side with us," he said.

After an intense struggle, including sanctions by other nations, apartheid in South Africa ended in 1994. "They isolated apartheid South Africa and finally collapsed it," Mr. Mandela told Reuters. "We believe that the time has come for that to be done for the Palestinians."

Israel accustomed to acting with impunity, responded to the nations' recognition of Palestinian statehood by furthering its expansionist agenda of illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank and complete take-over of the Gaza Strip.

In a news conference on Sept. 3, Israel's far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich said annexation maps were being drawn up under the slogan, "maximum territory and minimum population" in the occupied West Bank, reported Al Jazeera.

In translated video remarks referring to the territory by their Biblical names, Mr. Smotrich, an exponent for Palestinian expulsion, openly called for full Israeli sovereignty over "Judea" and "Samaria," vowing to remove any prospect of dividing the land. The plan calls for 82% of the West Bank to be taken, leaving 18% for the Palestinians, ruled by the Palestinian Authority. "The goal is to remove the Palestinian State from the agenda," said Mr. Smotrich.

The notion of more land grabbing goes against international law that deemed the Israeli settlements and occupation illegal.

Mr. Sankari reasoned such a plan is why hard sanctions on Israel is required as opposed to a "pseudo ethereal recognition" of a Palestinian State where the Palestinian Authority has no authority. The international community bears the burden by law to intervene to end genocide.

"So, intervene and end the genocide," said Mr. Sankari.

UN General Assembly resolution or not, "all of it is nothing if the Israelis move forward with annexing 82% of the West Bank and reoccupying the Gaza Strip and successfully carrying out their plan for total ethnic cleansing," he added.

Meanwhile, as world leaders are preparing to gather at the 80th UN General Assembly to speak on development goals and the state of global affairs, at the UN, more than 63,000 Palestinians have been slaughtered, and the tens of thousands more were injured by American made arsenal and Israeli engineered starvation, forced displacement, genocide and war.

Although this year's UNGA-80 theme is "Better together: 80 years and more for peace, development and human rights," for the Palestinians the last 80 years were decades of misery, suffering and injustice.

"Eighty years ago, from the ashes of war, the world planted a seed of hope. One Charter, one vision, one promise: that peace is possible when humanity stands together," said UN Secretary General António Guterres in June remarks, posted on the UN General Assembly 2025 website.

However, irrespective of the "hope," the "Charter," the "vision" and the "promise" for the possibility of peace, in 80 years of conferencing, warmongers and peacebreakers perpetuated war.

The expansion of Israel's Gaza war has now reached Yemen, where targeted airstrikes assassinated the Prime Minister, Defense Minister, and other top officials of the Ansar-Allah (Houthi) authorities based in Yemen's capitol Saana. Meanwhile, Israel's onslaught also grinds on in Lebanon and Syria, painting a picture of unrelenting aggression in the region. For the Middle East, Israel, backed primarily by America, has been a trouble source and disagreeable to live with in peace.

Israel's penchant for war across the region is part of a broader agenda for "Greater Israel," backed and protected by the U.S. and Europe—to remake the Middle East through force, displacement, and domination.

In words delivered on October 16, 2000, on the occasion of the Million Family March, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, National Representative of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam, placed in perspective the question of justice and the Middle East.

"There can be no peace in that troubled area that is a lasting peace unless that peace is structured on the principle of justice. Justice for the Palestinians, justice for those who suffer in the world, justice for the poor and the weak, justice for the sick and the imprisoned, justice for those who have been locked out of society," said Minister Farrakhan. "Unless justice comes, there can be no peace. Even in this great nation, we will be at each other's throats as long as the principle of justice and equity are denied," he continued, speaking about America.

Both Minister Farrakhan and his teacher, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, warned about the consequences of persistent injustice. These times were foretold in the scriptures, which say there is no peace for the wicked and the world is in a time of reaping what it has sown. Israel and America have sown trouble and are reaping the bitter fruit of trouble.

Oblivious to the laws of justice, the proponents of war have rejected sound reason and the principles of what is right. On page 209 of His illuminating book "The Fall of America," the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad explains this wicked mindset. This insight resonates today as Israel's regional onslaught—from Gaza and the West Bank to Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen— unfolds under the protection of powerful allies.

The same disregard for justice and reason that the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad described continues to enable unrelenting aggression, displacement, and the erosion of human rights across the Middle East. "We do not hope for peace as long as we add to the war that which serves as fuel to a fire," He wrote in the chapter, "Fire Fed With Fuel."

"The fire cannot go out as long as we keep it burning by adding more fuel. A dying, burning fire is increased when more fuel is thrown into it." In the same chapter, He writes: "How can we expect peace where the method used to bring about peace is the same method that started the war—instead of finding a right solution and then practicing the right solution?"

—Brian E. Muhammad, Staff Writer

Palestinian youth show display of Palestinian flags as ensemble sings "Mawtini" (My Homeland).

Detroit's Huntington Place ballroom, renamed, "Anas Al-Sharif Hall," after the journalist who was killed in an Israeli drone strike, is filled with attendees at the People's Conference for Palestine.

Youth march into "Anas Al-Sharif" Hall waving Palestinian flags.

People's Conference for Palestine addresses resistance strategies as Israel continues its genocidal war, expansion in Gaza

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Conference attendees interact with the variety of vending booths. Photos: Andrea Muhammad

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DETROIT—"Free, free Palestine!" thousands chanted as they waved their black and white keffiyehs and Palestinian flags in the air, with the beat of drums in the background. Thousands gathered for the 2nd annual People's Conference for Palestine, which took place at the Huntington Place in Detroit on Aug. 29-31.

The conference occurred about five weeks shy of two years since Israel launched its U.S.-backed genocidal war on Gaza on Oct. 7, 2023. Operating under the theme, "Gaza is the Compass," 12 organizations convened the conference to address the genocide, to support the material needs and steadfastness of Palestinian people, to isolate and expose the atrocities of Israel and to offer concrete tools and lessons for attendees to take back to their communities.

"Welcome to the 2nd annual People's Conference for Palestine," Taher Dahleh, an organizer with the Palestinian Youth Movement and conference emcee, said in the conference's opening remarks. "Our historic conference whose guiding principle is, 'Gaza is our compass.' Gaza, a tiny strip of besieged land which has transformed into the center of the world. Gaza, whose bravery and courage in the face of total onslaught from the United States and Israel has revealed core injustices at the root of our current reality and has moved millions into action. Gaza, which demands of us that we here in North America commit every single fiber of our being to building a movement capable of ending the crimes of Zionism and of imperialism."

Mr. Dahleh voiced some of the movement's demands: a two-way arms embargo, complete economic and political sanctions on Israel, its military and its leadership, the free flow of lifesaving humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip and an end to the genocide.

"This conference, brothers and sisters, is not only important because it brings together movements, organizations and leaders who have fought tirelessly to end the genocide and for the liberation of Palestine. This conference is also important because it defies all the forces that conspire to stop and silence our movement," Mr. Dahleh said. "They have tried to intimidate us with smears, with false accusations and with every single available threat at their disposal to stop this conference from happening. We will not stop."

During the opening, attendees participated in a brief moment of silence and prayer for the martyrs of Gaza and for all of Palestine. Afterward, a Palestinian youth ensemble led the audience in singing "Mawtini" (My Homeland), an unofficial Palestinian national anthem by Palestinian poet Ibrahim Tuqan.

Plenaries covered Zionism and imperialism, the grassroots arms embargo, strategies to confront the genocide, starvation and siege, the fight for Palestine in North America, the Palestinian struggle behind bars and the current conditions of Palestine today.

Workshop session topics included how the genocide is changing Gaza, cultural resistance,

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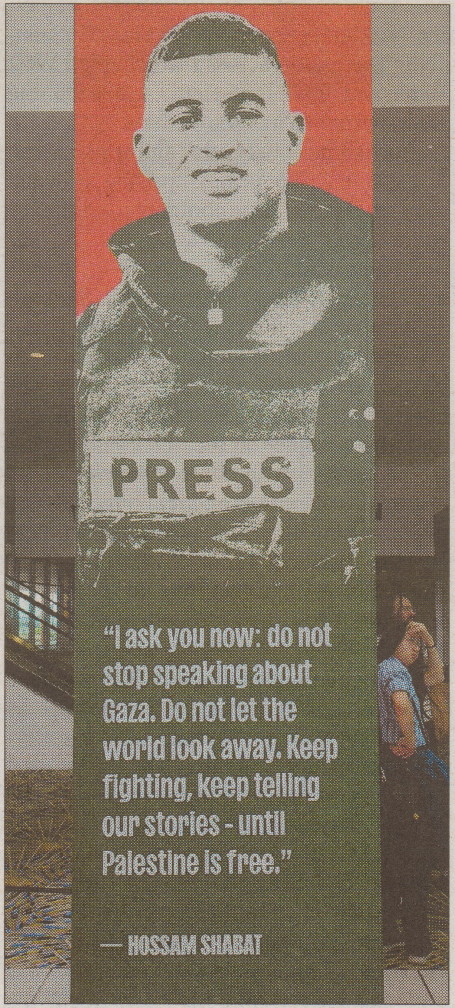
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"I ask you now: do not stop speaking about Gaza. Do not let the world look away. Keep fighting, keep telling our stories - until Palestine is free."
— HOSSAM SHABAT
Banner pays homage to Palestinian martyr Hossam Shabat.

Attendees pack session on "The Struggle for Accountability: The Role of Legal Action Against War Criminals," held in room named after Palestinian political prisoner Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya on Aug. 31.

Black farmers battle land loss and work to plant seeds for the future

Shelton Muhammad and his son hold yellow squash and zucchini from their farm in Virginia. Photos courtesy of Shelton Muhammad

A chicken coop Mr. Muhammad says was damaged on his farm.

Sons of Shelton Muhammad at a feed bin on their farm.

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by Toure Muhammad
Contributing Writer

At one time, Black people in the U.S. owned millions of acres of land. However, due to discriminatory schemes perpetrated by the American government, systematic racism and violence, Blacks have gone from having 16 million acres of land in 1910 to only 2.5 million acres today, according to several reports and sources.

According to foodprint.org, "Black land loss represents a systemic blockage of Black Americans' opportunity to build generational wealth: One estimate suggests that the total active farmland lost since 1920 has meant more than $326 billion in lost wealth for Black farmers and their families." Today, Blacks are still struggling to hold on to their family land.

The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught on the importance of Black people acquiring land as a way for us to produce what we need for independence, self-sufficiency and to grow healthy food. "In order to build a nation you must first have some land," the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad wrote in "Message To The Blackman in America," on page 223.

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan has explained that "farming is the engine of our national life," and that the government has schemed against Black people when it comes to land acquisition and ownership. In part 36 of his 58-week lecture series, "The Time and What Must Be Done," Minister Farrakhan spoke on these roadblocks imposed by White people to prohibit Black land ownership.

"One of the things that 'The Black Codes' and 'The Slave Codes' did to Black people was that we had no right to own land. Blacks were prohibited from buying or renting farmland except in designated all-Black, but White-controlled, areas. Black people were forbidden to sell farm products like flour, cotton, hay, rice, peas, wheat, etc., without written permission from a White man, thus disallowing independent Black agribusiness and eliminating the potential threat of Black competition in farming," Minister Farrakhan said.

Today, Blacks are still fighting to keep their farmland.

Sabotage, schemes and underhanded tactics

On this 66-acre farm in Virginia, which has remained in Black ownership since emancipation, Shelton Muhammad is locked in a struggle that stretches across generations.He says his family's livelihood has been under relentless attack—through sabotage, discriminatory lending, and systemic efforts to push them off the land. "For over 15 years, we've been in a constant fight with agencies, local officials and lawyers who want to force us into default and take our farm," said Mr. Muhammad, a former assistant principal who walked away from his career to protect his family's agricultural operation.

"Generations of Black farmers have had their land stolen through underhanded tactics. We are determined not to let history repeat itself," he said.

Last year, the family's main farming equipment was reportedly sabotaged, causing a 20-month operational shutdown and significant financial strain. Despite mounting legal and repair costs, Mr. Muhammad says his family was able to retain the land. But another wave of reported sabotage has recently targeted their property and the very farming operation that generates the revenue to cover the mortgage, pay property taxes, and compensate family workers.

He pointed to a proposed real estate tax payment plan delivered by lawyers he believes are aligned with those working to push him off the land. He believes, "the plan is to make us break the payment terms and then rush our property into a court-ordered sale," he explained.

"This isn't just about one family farm," he said. "It's about an entire system that has worked to keep Black farmers from becoming economically independent and feeding our own people."

He added, "The USDA and its Farm Service Agency have worked hand in hand with White families in this county to make sure I never had the same fair shot. Where White farmers were approved for loans, my applications were delayed or denied. That's not mismanagement—that's sabotage."

His ordeal is unfortunately not unique. For decades, Black farmers have fought the USDA via lawsuits for equity.

A legacy of Black land and resistance

Southampton County in Virginia holds a unique place in American history. Known as the site of Nat Turner's 1831 rebellion—the most famous slave uprising in U.S. history—the county has long been a flashpoint in the struggle for Black freedom. After emancipation, formerly enslaved families remained on the land, carving out farms despite hostility and systemic barriers.

By the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Black farmers in Southampton joined the ranks of the nearly one million Black farmers nationwide, cultivating cotton, peanuts, corn, and livestock. Families often pooled resources to buy plots, and some have held their land across multiple generations, according to reports.

But land retention was always precarious. White landowners and county officials used discriminatory lending, exploitative sharecropping contracts, and intimidation to limit Black independence. The same county that bore witness to Nat Turner's rebellion also became a place where Black farmers constantly had to resist new forms of economic control.

Today, Southampton stands as both a reminder of

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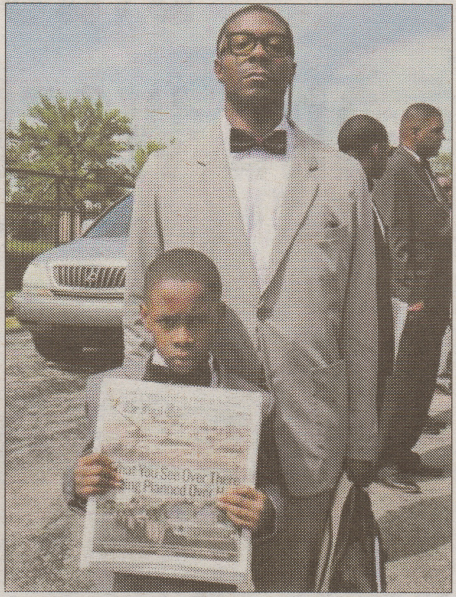
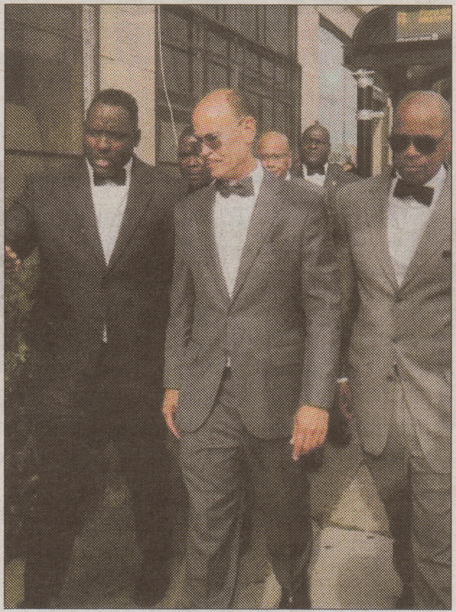
HUNDREDS OF F.O.I. VISIT CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOODS TO UPLIFT, SERVE

The Fruit of Islam (F.O.I.) gathered at Mosque Maryam, in Chicago, for a spiritual and community-centered outreach. **Photos: Haroon Rajaee**


Father and son show support for the continued outreach in the community.


Student Min. Ishmael Muhammad and the F.O.I. took to the streets of Chicago on Aug. 30.
Photo: Rashaun Ali Muhammad

by Toure Muhammad
Contributing Writer

With crisp gray suits, black bow ties and unmatched discipline, more than 200 Black men took to the streets of Chicago, August 30.

CHICAGO—With crisp gray suits, black bow ties, and unmatched discipline, more than 200 Black men took to the streets of Chicago on Saturday, August 30—not to protest, but to serve.

Gathered at the Nation of Islam's National Center at Mosque Maryam, these men, most of them Fruit of Islam (F.O.I.), from Chicago, but some from Baltimore, Detroit and other cities, for a continuation of a spiritual and community-centered outreach effort rooted in the Mission of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan.

Chicago was the most recent stop the F.O.I. have visited in 2025.

Their goal was profoundly simple: to walk into the heart of some of Chicago's most long-ignored neighborhoods and offer love, encouragement, and a reminder that Black lives are valued, respected, and worthy of protection.

Before embarking on the journey through neighborhoods including Altgeld Gardens-Phillip Murray Homes—known as "The Gardens" and regarded as the birthplace of the environmental justice movement—South Shore on the Southeast Side and on the West Side on Adams and Keeler, and California and Flournoy, the men gathered at noon at Mosque Maryam to receive words of inspiration from Student Minister Ishmael Muhammad, National Assistant to Minister Farrakhan and Student Supreme Captain Mustapha Farrakhan, who addressed the F.O.I. with clarity and conviction.

Afterward, as men poured out of the mosque into the parking lot and into vehicles with energy and focus, the magnitude of the moment could be felt in the afternoon air.

Led by Student Minister Ishmael, Student Assistant Supreme Captain Abdul Azziz Muhammad and Student Central Region F.O.I. Captain Dwyane Muhammad, the brothers walked in unity down streets and knocked on doors that are often ignored and abandoned by others. On this day, Black families saw something different—what love in action looks like. The brothers invited people to the mosque meeting the following day. "I'll see you all tomorrow," said two smiling women in unison while holding the invite flyer.

In The Gardens and along 78th Street and Essex Ave., the presence of the brothers brought tears, smiles, and shouts of appreciation. "We need y'all out here every day!" a young woman called out as she drove past the formation. "Thank y'all for coming!"

Maybe for some, for the first time in their young lives, adolescent boys ran up to embrace dozens of Black men they had never met or seen before this chance encounter. The sight of so many disciplined Black men evoked both awe and relief. In one neighborhood, a potential conflict between young men was defused simply by encouraging and facilitating dialogue and presenting the calming presence of the F.O.I., witnesses said. Peace, in this case, required no badge or weapon—only the firm but loving presence of righteous men.

"It was my honor to spend some quality time with my brothers as we served our dear people near and far," said Student Minister Abdul Rasul Muhammad, General Manager of The Final Call. "May Allah (God) continue to bless us all. May Allah continue to bless you and your families in every possible way."

This act of outreach is not new for the Nation of Islam. Their presence in neighborhoods ravaged by systemic disinvestment is a physical rebuke to the narrative that Black men are inherently violent or absent. Instead, they offered The Final Call newspaper, warm greetings, and, when necessary, words of encouragement and prayer.

For those watching from their windows, corners, and passing cars, the presence of the F.O.I. was more than a one-day event. It was a glimpse of what is possible when love replaces apathy and when service replaces spectacle.

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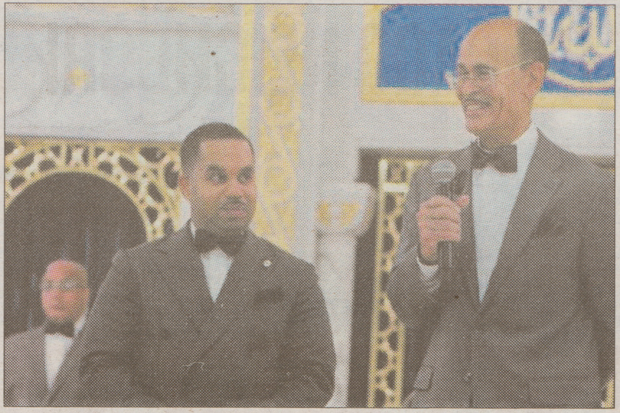
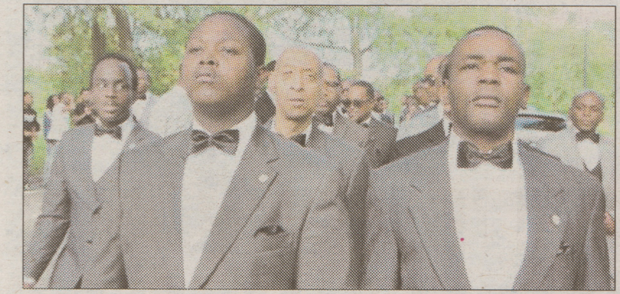
Photos: Haroon Rajaee and Saif Williams

The F.O.I. (Fruit of Islam) traveled from Baltimore and Detroit to Chicago's long-ignored neighborhoods offering a reminder that Black lives are valued, respected and worthy of protection.



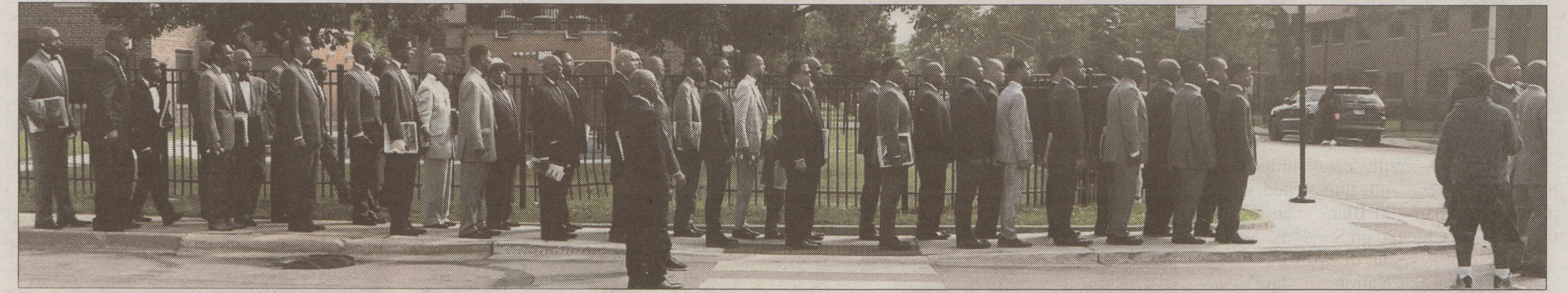
Student Minister Ishmael Muhammad, right, and Bro. Leonard Muhammad, who assists in coordinating the efforts of the F.O.I. outreach in various cities.

Student Supreme Captain Mustapha Farrakhan addresses the F.O.I.

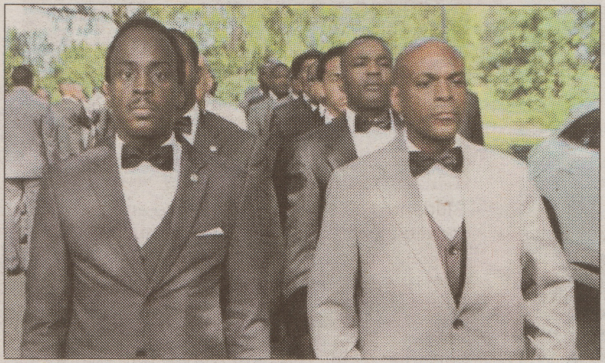


Brothers participated from several cities.

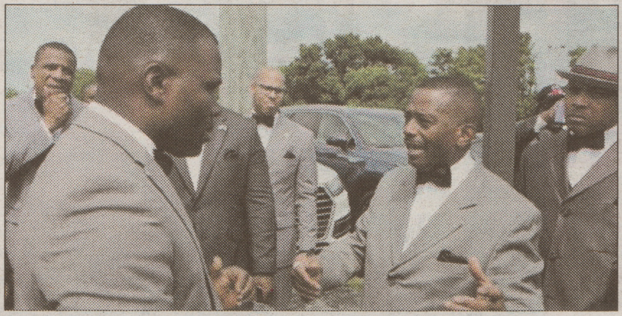
The F.O.I. showed a glimpse of what's possible when love replaces apathy.



The brothers walked in unity in different neighborhoods throughout Chicago.



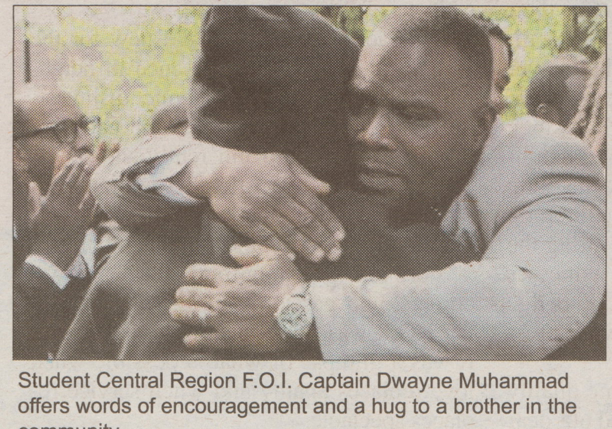
Brothers stand at the ready to uplift and serve the community.



Student Assistant Supreme Captain Abdul Azziz Muhammad shares words with Student Central Region F.O.I. Captain Dwayne Muhammad.

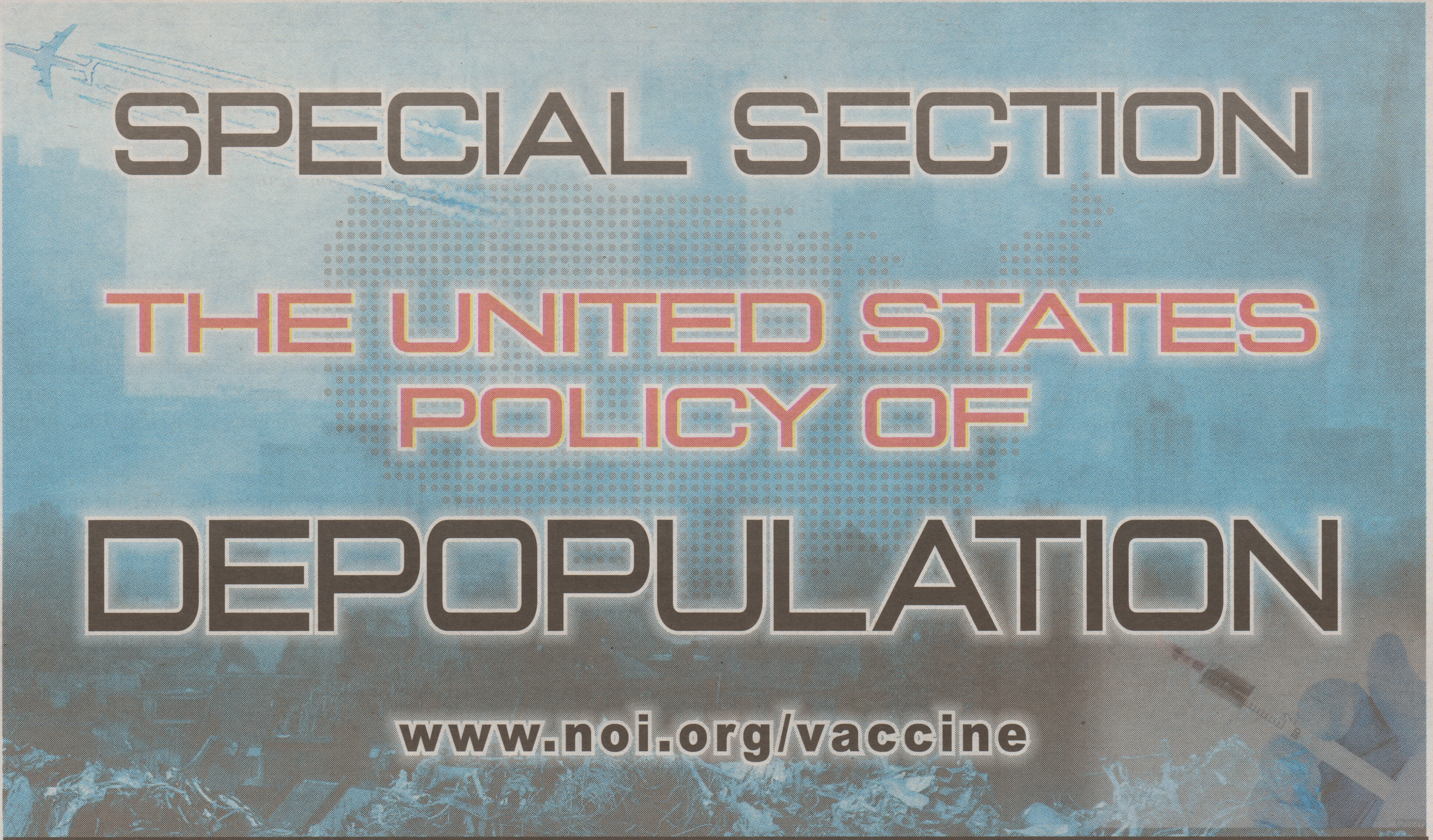
Student National Secretary and member of the N.O.I. Shura Executive Council, Sa'ad Alim Muhammad engages with residents.

Photo: Rashaun Ali Muhammad



Student Central Region F.O.I. Captain Dwayne Muhammad offers words of encouragement and a hug to a brother in the community.

The sight of disciplined Black men was welcomed by residents.



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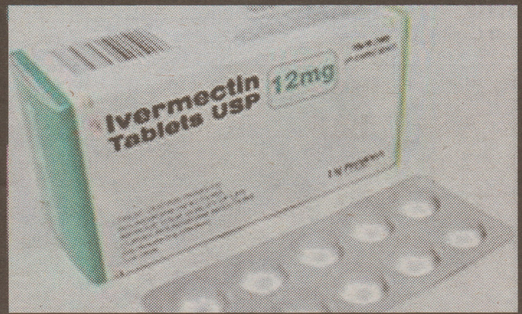

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It is UNSAFE, INEFFECTIVE, and it is not even a vaccine. It DOES NOT stop infection and it DOES NOT stop transmission of the pathogen known as COVID-19.

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> **—The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan**

The Breakfast Club Interviews the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan

[Editor's note: The following article contains edited excerpts from New York's Power 105.1 FM "The Breakfast Club" interview with the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan which took place at the Bayside Conference Room of the Marriott LaGuardia Airport Hotel on Thursday, June 4, 2015.]

Forty years ago, I was overseas in Africa. I came back to America, and I read in the newspapers that they said, "We should not put money into the inner cities, because the inner cities are ready to explode." All of a sudden, the factories in the inner cities began to close; the government reached trade agreements, and factories left America, went to Third World countries where the labor market is cheap. So when the jobs closed down in the inner cities, the Black man, who is unskilled labor, is left in the lurch. **Now all of a sudden, *drugs* come in: We become involved in crime as the only way to make a living when you don't know how to make a job for yourself.**

Paul said, *"We war not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, and the rulers of the darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places."* This "social engineering" didn't come from little White people; this "social engineering" came from the very top of the socio-economic ladder. [President Ronald] Reagan was a great anti-Communist human being; and when the Sandinistas rose in Nicaragua, Reagan did not want that area to become socialist or communist. He went to Congress, asked Congress to back him to fight against the rise of the Sandinistas in Nicaragua; Congress turned him down. So Reagan went to King Fahd in Saudi Arabia and got $10 million; but that wasn't enough, so the C.I.A., under Bush—George H.W. Bush: They brought drugs (through people like our brother "Freeway" Rick Ross) into America, and crack cocaine was developed.

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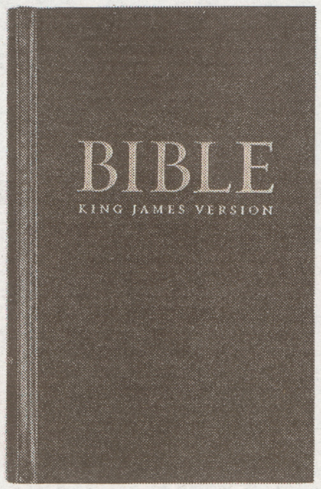
Any time Black people become conscious, drugs are entered into the equation. Because the church can't hold young people anymore; education can't hold them anymore, "so let's make them drug addicts" and then biological and chemical weapons. "AIDS": Where did that come from, that our women are the "No. 1" purveyors of AIDS virus? That's not an accident!

We are living in the very Valley of The Shadow of Death! If somebody doesn't rise up to tell the truth, and marshal the forces for justice, then we're going to be like this when your young girls become women.

Having a baby today is a *disaster*, because the minute the baby is born, now they want to take the child from you and give it an injection—some kind of "vaccination," or some kind of chemical.



Robert Kennedy Jr. was at my home a week or so ago, and Bobby Kennedy Jr. was representing a man (Dr. William Thompson) in the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") who "blew the whistle" that the CDC was responsible for developing a vaccine that is genetically prepared, or concocted, to affect Black males.* *[Please refer to Simpson University biochemist Dr. Brian Hooker's research on Translational Neurodegeneration (2014) at http://www.translationalneurodegeneration.com/content/3/1/16.]*

This is the Bible: "Kill the male, spare the female"—and it's going on right now. They'll take your baby; they're sneaking in the ward where the baby is born, if the parents are not looking, to take the babies and inject them. What are they injecting them with? According to Bobby Kennedy, and the research, and scientists, they are injecting them with vaccines that are high in mercury. And this mercury starts eating at the cells of *the brain.*

They realize their world is finished! There's no more "White Supremacy" ruling—that's over! We are awakening now: You're going to have to compete with *awakened* Black men and women, *awakened* Brown men and women, *awakened* Red men and women, and *awakened* poor White people! You are not going to play the game over the masses of the people anymore. And that's why *Zbigniew Brzezinski* said, "it is easier to kill a million people than to control a million people." They've lost control; but they're killing through food, vaccines … I'm not saying you shouldn't take a vaccine. But you shouldn't be stupid and think that the same man that gave the Indians smallpox through blankets, that that same man has your interest at heart when he says "we have a vaccine for you." You better wake up, and look up!

I'm saying Bobby Kennedy can't get support because the pharmaceuticals have bought off Congress. *Did you hear me?* He can't get a congressman, a senator, to bring him before Congress and subpoena the whistle blower from [the] CDC, because the pharmaceuticals have bought off the Congress. He said the pharmaceuticals have bought off the media. I said, "Well, what about Black preachers?"—since it's directed against Black males—what "what are we doing?" "I'm sorry. They are not responding either," Mr. Kennedy said. Some of us have been paid off by the pharmaceutical companies. I said, "Well what about the Congressional Black Caucus?" He said, "I'm sure they would like to help, but they are weak." He said that's why he showed up at my door.

Am I the only man who doesn't fear death, to speak truth to power? Don't I have strong brothers and sisters out there who will stand with me? *I'm prepared to go alone*, because if God is with me, I'm still the winner—it's just me and God! It's a shame that we are so corrupt, so in love with money that we will sell out the future of our people for a dollar bill. What are you going to do when the dollar crashes? That's on the way! …

Public support for religious exemptions nearly doubled over past 6 years

Public support for policies that allow parents of schoolchildren to opt out of vaccinating their kids for medical, religious and personal or philosophical reasons is growing, according to a survey conducted by the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

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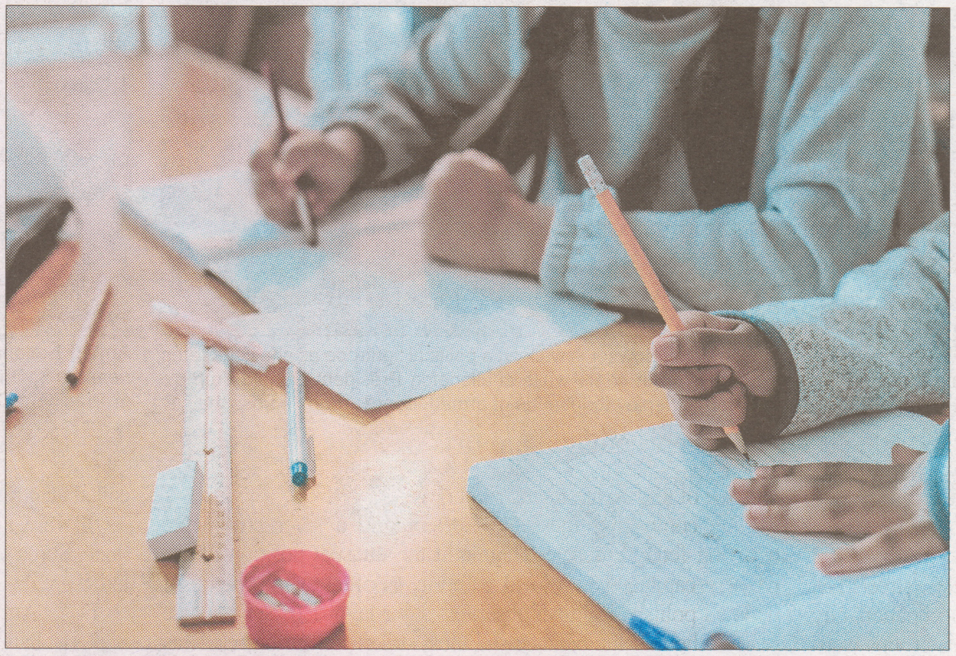
Public support for policies that allow parents of schoolchildren to opt out of vaccinating their kids for medical, religious and personal or philosophical reasons is growing, according to a survey conducted by the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

The center conducted a nationally representative opinion panel from Jan. 3-5, 2025, of 1,077 U.S. adults, and compared the results to those from its own 2019 survey. The 2019 survey was also nationally representative and involved 2,344 U.S. adults in April and May of 2019.



Young people writing in a school room. Photo: Pexels

The 2025 survey had a sampling error margin of +/- 5.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. The 2019 survey had a sampling error margin of +/- 2.8 percentage points.

A report released Jan. 28 describing the differences between the 2019 and 2025 surveys revealed that roughly two-thirds of U.S. adults (63%) in 2025 "somewhat or strongly support" a law allowing parents in their state to choose not to vaccinate their children for medical reasons. In 2019, about a third (36%) supported such a policy.

In 2019, only 17% of U.S. adults said they would support parental choice not to vaccinate their children for personal or philosophical reasons. By 2025, that number had doubled, with 35% of U.S. adults saying they would support school vaccination opt-out options for personal or philosophical reasons. Public support for religious exemptions to school vaccine requirements also doubled, from 20% in 2019 to 39% in 2025.

Only 24% of U.S. adults 'strongly support' school vaccine requirements

The survey results also revealed that only 52% of U.S. adults support having their state require vaccination as a condition of school attendance. That's a nearly 20% drop in just six years, the researchers noted. The drop in public support was "across all political groups," the Annenberg Public Policy Center wrote in its report.

Moreover, the percentage of U.S. adults who "strongly support" school vaccination requirements has dropped significantly from nearly half (47%) in 2019 to just under a quarter (24%) in January 2025.

Certain vaccinations are required for school attendance in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., according to the National Council of State Legislatures (NCSL). The requirement is intended to protect children who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons, the Annenberg Public Policy Center said.

Although all states offer exemptions from school vaccination requirements for medical reasons, not every state allows religious or philosophical exemptions, according to the NCSL. Thirty states and Washington, D.C., provide religious exemptions from school vaccination requirements for religious reasons. Thirteen states allow exemptions for personal or philosophical reasons.

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The Annenberg Public Policy Center did not immediately respond to The Defender's comment request.

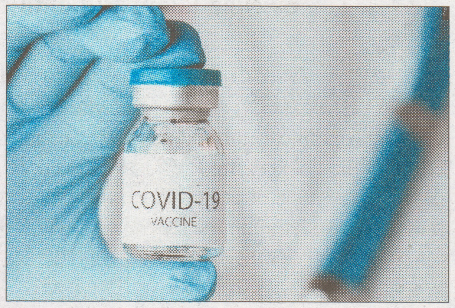
Other recent polls show growing mistrust of CDC, FDA

The same day that the Annenberg Public Policy Center released its results, the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) published polling results on similar topics. KFF's results showed less of a shift in overall vaccine attitudes than the Annenberg Public Policy Center's results.

For instance, KFF's results showed that roughly 8 in 10 (83%) U.S. adults say public schools should require some vaccines for students, allowing for health and religious exceptions.

In the KFF poll, researchers asked a nationally representative group of 1,310 U.S. adults questions via an online and phone survey. The sampling margin error was +/- 3 percentage points.

The KFF survey also found that public trust in government health agencies has dropped over the past 18 months. The decline began during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to KFF researchers. The percentage of U.S. adults who say they trust the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) "a great deal" or "a fair amount" to make the right recommendations on health dropped from 66% in June 2023, to 61% in January 2025.



A gloved hand holds a vial. Photo: MGN Online

Public trust in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and state and local public health officials each dropped by at least 10%, respectively, over the last 18 months.

A recent poll commissioned by Children's Health Defense (CHD) also revealed public mistrust of the FDA and CDC.

The national survey, conducted in November 2024 by Zogby Strategies, showed that 36% of voters do not trust the CDC and FDA, while 59% do trust them, leaving 5% undecided.

The overall margin of sampling error was +/- 3.2 percentage points, with subgroups having higher margins.

Commenting on the results from CHD's poll, CHD CEO Mary Holland said the data highlight "a significant loss of trust in our regulatory agencies."

"Allowing this distrust to persist will further undermine the public's confidence in our healthcare organizations," she said.

Holland added: "We must emphasize that if the government wishes to regain credibility, it must recognize the realities of vaccines. Until that happens, Americans are less likely to heed their guidance, and the remaining public faith in these institutions will ultimately vanish."

CHD's poll also showed that more than half of voters believe they should be able to sue a vaccine maker if they are injured by a vaccine.

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D.C. mayor walks a tightrope: Praises crime drop while critical of federalization

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Mayor Muriel Bowser is walking a political tightrope as she celebrates a sharp drop in crime while challenging President Donald Trump's decision to deploy thousands of armed federal troops across the city amid protesters condemning the federal takeover.
Photo: AP Photo/Rod Lamkey, Jr.

Armed National Guard soldiers from West Virginia patrol the Mall near the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, as part of President Donald Trump's order to impose federal law enforcement in the nation's capital, Aug. 26. Photo: AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mayor Muriel Bowser is walking a political tightrope as she celebrates a sharp drop in crime while challenging President Donald Trump's decision to deploy thousands of armed federal troops across the city amid protesters condemning the federal takeover.

New police data shows violent crime in the District has fallen in the weeks since federal troops have been in the city.

"Since the beginning of this federal surge of officers, it has always been my focus on—we didn't ask for any federal officers, we're driving crime down—but while they're here, how can we most strategically use them to accelerate the work that MPD has done?" Mayor Bowser said at a recent news conference. She added that the increase in federal law enforcement contributed to "an extreme reduction in carjackings" and a decrease in gun crimes and homicides.

The Trump administration's move to station nearly 1,900 National Guard troops and federal officers on D.C. streets has ignited a political firestorm. Protesters call it an occupation, city leaders say it violates local control, and civil rights groups warn it sets a dangerous precedent for federal overreach.

Mayor Bowser, who was not consulted about the military buildup, wrote a letter to city residents after the deployment. "It has been an unsettling and unprecedented week in our city. Over the course of a week, the surge in federal law enforcement across D.C. has created waves of anxiety. I was born one year before Home Rule became law, and while our autonomy has been challenged before, our limited self-government has never faced the type of test we are facing right now."

The contrasting messages—celebrating a safer city while decrying federal muscle—highlight the unusual position of the nation's capital, where local authority is often at the mercy of national politics. Political observers say Mayor Bowser's stance reflects the delicate balance she must strike: reassuring residents about public safety while making clear the city will not cede its autonomy.

"Mayor Bowser has been calling for more officers for the city, saying the city was actually operating with fewer than the number that they would like to have," Anthony Muhammad, president of the Citizens Advisory Council 7D told The Final Call. "Now that they have gotten additional officers, the mayor is going along with the extra troops and saying crime has been reduced since this so-called takeover has taken place."

"It's always a push and pull when something like this is being done. Some dislike it, and others like it. It seems that those who like it are the ones who are winning," he said.

D.C. Attorney General Brian Schwalb filed a lawsuit Sept. 4 challenging the president's use of the National Guard. "No American jurisdiction should be involuntarily subjected to military occupation," Atty. Schwalb wrote in the lawsuit, reported AP.

President Trump has said Chicago, Baltimore and New Orleans are other cities he is considering dispatching federal troops to in order to address crime and illegal immigration, despite pushback from local and state officials and residents in those areas.

Wildfire devastates historic California gold mining town, homes burn in blaze caused by lightning

Residents work to stop flames from a burning home from spreading to a neighboring house as the 6-5 Fire burns through the Chinese Camp community of Tuolumne County, Calif., on Sept. 2.
Photo: AP Photo/Noah Berger

CHINESE CAMP, Calif.—One of nearly two dozen fires burning across Northern California on Sept. 3 scorched homes in a Gold Rush town settled in the 1850s by thousands of Chinese miners who had faced discrimination and were driven out of a nearby camp.

The quick-moving fire in the Sierra Nevada foothills threatened the few remaining historic structures in Chinese Camp, forced the evacuation of its roughly 100 residents and closed a highway that's a main route between San Francisco and Yosemite National Park.

It's not clear yet whether the town's handful of Gold Rush era structures—including an old post office built in 1854—were damaged in the fire that erupted Sept. 2 and continued burning without any containment.

A large number of lightning strikes early Sept. 2 set off at least 22 fires that have burned about 20 square miles in Calaveras, Tuolumne and Stanislaus counties, said Emily Kilgore, a spokesperson for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the state's chief fire agency.

The fires are spread across the region about 120 miles east of San Francisco. There have been no reports of injuries, but several structures were destroyed in two of the fires, Kilgore said Sept. 3. Damage assessments have not been completed.

Many of the fires are in remote and rugged areas, some with very difficult access, Kilgore said.

"There still may be fires that haven't been discovered yet," Kilgore said, warning that more evacuations may be necessary. Temperatures were expected to be in the 90s over the next few days with little rain in sight.

Strong winds were adding to the challenge as the flames strengthened in areas filled with dry, tall grass and brush, Cal-Fire said.

The largest of the fires crossed 10 square miles around Chinese Camp, where at least five homes burned. During the first hours, residents moved tree branches and shoveled sand onto flames in a desperate attempt to stop them from spreading until firefighters arrived. A recreational vehicle on the property was damaged.

Chinese Camp, now a crossroads for tourists traveling to Yosemite, flourished in the 1850s as a stagecoach stop and supply hub for mining camps during the Gold Rush. Thousands of Chinese came to California during the Gold Rush and faced persecution that included an exorbitant Foreign Miners Tax designed to drive them away from mining. It was a time when Chinese people all across the state faced widespread discrimination.

The town grew as the Chinese miners arrived after being thrown out of a nearby camp by European miners who didn't want any competition and discriminated against the Chinese. Originally called Camp Washington, its name was soon changed to Chinese Camp to reflect the thousands of new settlers.

But within three decades, most of the Chinese residents had moved away, the last two leaving in the early 1920s, said Stephen Provost, who recently wrote "Chinese Camp: The Haunting History of California's Forgotten Boomtown." *(AP)*

U.S. visa ban on Palestinians

Punishing the oppressed, protecting the oppressor

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Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine and Palestinian National Authority
Photo: MGN Online

Washington has barred Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas and more than 80 officials from the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) and the PA from attending the United Nations, blocking their visas ahead of the 80th General Assembly session starting Sept. 9, with high-level debates set for Sept. 24. The move was announced by the U.S. Department of State on Aug. 29.

"It is in our national security interests to hold the PLO and PA accountable for not complying with their commitments, and for undermining the prospects for peace," said a State Department statement. The statement demands that the groups "must consistently repudiate terrorism, and end incitement to terrorism in education, as required by U.S. law and as promised by the PLO."

However, critics argue the move is political punishment and the latest in a long string of U.S. obstructions using its veto power to shield Israel's accountability at the UN. For some, through weaponizing visas, Washington is reasserting itself as a gatekeeper against Palestinian self-determination, particularly as momentum builds globally for recognition of Palestinian statehood, which President Donald Trump's administration opposes.

In reaction, PA President Abbas' office urges the decision be rescinded. Besides Mr. Abbas' annual address, the delegation was due to participate in an international conference focused on Palestine statehood.

"We call upon the American administration to reverse its decision. This decision will only increase tension and escalation," Nabil Abu Rudeineh, Palestinian presidential spokesperson, told The Associated Press in Ramallah on Aug. 30.

In addition, other Palestinian leaders denounced the Trump administration for targeting Palestinians rather than holding Israel accountable for its atrocities.

"Instead of punishing Israel, the criminal aggressor that is committing genocide and collective punishment and starvation of the Palestinian people, Trump's administration is punishing the victims, the Palestinians," Mustafa Barghouti, general secretary of the Palestinian National Initiative, told the Associated Press. "Maybe it is also time for the Palestinian Authority to realize that it is an illusion to think that the United States could be a mediator between Palestinians and Israelis," he added.

Mr. Barghouti reasoned that the U.S. is also reacting to the growing global recognition of Palestine and Israel's increasing isolation due to its war crimes.

Condemnation also came from around the world. The Ministerial Committee formed by the Joint Arab-Islamic Extraordinary Summit on Gaza urged Washington to "reconsider and reverse" its decision, reported Xinhua News Agency.

In an Aug. 30 statement following a meeting in Amman, Jordan, the committee voiced "deep regret" over the decision and stressed that the move contradicts obligations under the UN Headquarters Agreement, which guarantees the rights of Palestine, a UN permanent observer state, to participate in UN activities. The committee, established in November 2023, includes the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Qatar, Jordan, Bahrain, Türkiye, Indonesia, Nigeria, and Palestine, along with the heads of the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

Qatar News Agency reported that foreign ministers of the 27-member European Union also called on Washington to "reconsider" the move. The bullish move toward the Palestinian leadership reflects a pattern of U.S. antagonism toward any party not totally compliant with U.S. foreign policy objectives.

In past actions, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation to place sanctions on the International Criminal Court (ICC), over an ongoing investigation of U.S. military and intelligence personnel for alleged war crimes, committed during the decades-long war in Afghanistan that ended in 2021.

In addition, there is Washington's angst over ICC arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant. Neither the U.S. nor Israel are signatories to the ICC.

Critics argue that both countries are settler-colonial states with a track record of rights violations and blocking accountability on the world stage. Slapping such sanctions and threats waxes against international protections against tactics of intimidation and reprisal.

Human Rights Council Resolution 36/21(2017) and the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders reaffirm the right of everyone, individually and in association with others, to unhindered access to and communication with international bodies.

Notwithstanding the visa revocation comes while the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 80) was going to be used as the forum that several nations, namely Australia, Canada, France, and the United Kingdom pledged to recognize Palestine as a state. As of mid-2025, 147 UN member states already officially recognize the State of Palestine. In contrast, the U.S. does not recognize the State of Palestine, although a Reuters/Ipsos poll conducted Aug. 13-18 showed that 58% of Americans polled said Palestine should be recognized as a country by all UN members.

Belgium to recognize State of Palestine at UN General Assembly, impose sanctions on Israel

Belgium's Foreign Minister Maxime Prevot speaks with the media as he arrives for a meeting of EU foreign ministers at the European Council building in Brussels, Feb. 24. Photo: AP Photo /Virginia Mayo

Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs Maxime Prevot has announced that the Western European country will recognize the State of Palestine at the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) later this month and impose sanctions on Israel.

"Palestine will be recognized by Belgium at the UN session! And firm sanctions will be imposed against Israel," Prevot, who is also the deputy prime minister, wrote in a post on X on Sept. 2.

Prevot added that Belgium will impose a round of 12 "firm" sanctions against Israel, including a ban on the import of products from illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank and "a review of public procurement policies with Israeli companies."

He noted that the move is "in light of the humanitarian tragedy unfolding in Palestine, particularly in Gaza."

The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates welcomed Belgium's decision to recognize Palestinian statehood in the upcoming UN meeting.

In a statement on X, the ministry said it considered the move "to be in line with international law and United Nations resolutions," protective of the state of Palestine, and "supportive of achieving peace."

It called on other countries to "quickly" follow suit, "to intensify practical efforts to stop the crimes of genocide, displacement, starvation, and annexation, and to open a real political path to resolve the conflict."

Australia, Canada, France, and Britain have announced plans to recognize Palestine during the UN General Assembly meetings later this month, joining nearly 150 countries that already have.

The United States said on Aug. 29 it would bar Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas from traveling to New York for the UN General Assembly. *(PressTV.ir)*

Afghanistan searches for survivors as death from massive quake tops 1,100

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The death toll from a recent earthquake in Afghanistan has reached 1,124, the Afghan Red Crescent Society says as rescue teams continue to scour the country's mountainous East for survivors. At least 3,251 people have been injured and more than 8,000 houses destroyed in the disaster, the group said.

The 6.0 magnitude earthquake hit several provinces late night Aug. 31. It destroyed villages, trapping people beneath the rubble of their homes, which were primarily built from vulnerable mud bricks and wood.

According to a spokesman for Afghanistan's National Disaster Management Authority, the figures "may change significantly" as the injured are being evacuated. "The earthquake caused landslides in some areas, blocking roads, but they have been reopened, and the remaining roads will be reopened to allow access to areas that were difficult to reach," he added.

The highest number of casualties was concentrated in Kunar province, a region characterized by steep river valleys and high mountains that isolate communities.

A military helicopter delivering aid and transporting the injured sits near survivors and residents in a damaged area of Kunar province, Afghanistan, Sept. 2, as efforts continue following the powerful 6.0-magnitude earthquake that hit on Aug. 31. Photo: AP Photo/Nava Jamshidi

In response to the compromised infrastructure, helicopters are evacuating casualties for medical care, and relief agencies report that their personnel are resorting to foot travel to access the hardest-hit, most inaccessible areas.

Amid the devastation, Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian sent a message of condolence to the Afghan people and government. Describing Afghanistan as a "brotherly country," Pezeshkian expressed deep sorrow over the loss of life and injuries caused by the quake.

Foreign Minister Abbas Arachchi also described the tragedy as "deeply saddening," stressing Iran's "full readiness to send emergency, medical, and humanitarian aid" to support Afghan recovery efforts.

The Iranian Red Crescent Society announced it was prepared to dispatch rescue and medical teams, with its president Pir Hossein Kolivand saying the center "stands ready to send aid teams as soon as requested."

It is the third major earthquake since the Taliban retook power in 2021, and the latest crisis to beset Afghanistan. Afghanistan's Taliban rulers have called for international help for the war-ravaged country that was already grappling with food shortages and cuts to foreign aid.

Mark Calder, advocacy director at the World Vision Afghanistan aid agency, warned of more than 250,000 people "swelling the ranks" of those needing help to access basic needs and services if resources were not made available.

"This will mean more people living without proper shelter, access to nutritious food to feed their families, clean water, and by extension malnutrition and disease in a context where the healthcare system simply can't stretch," he added. *(PressTV.ir)*

Only a diplomatic solution can resolve the nuclear issue, says Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian

by Abdul Rahman
The Peoples Dispatch

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian reiterated that his country is always ready for diplomatic solutions to its nuclear issue. The failure of the U.S.-Israeli aggression against Iran in June this year shows the limits of military might in resolving the issue, he emphasized.

Diplomatic solutions to all disputes are preferred as the "failed military aggression by the United States and the Zionist regime has shown that military options are ineffective and will face the heroic resistance of the Iranian people," Pezeshkian said.

Pezeshkian was addressing the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit at Tianjin in China on September 1. Apart from its member states, more than a dozen other countries of the SCO plus also attended.

Though the U.S. has also expressed its willingness to initiate talks with Iran, it has failed to ensure there will be no military action during the talks as has been demanded by the Iranians.

The U.S.-Israeli attacks on Iran in June happened after five rounds of negotiations had been concluded between the U.S. and Iran and the sixth round was scheduled within days.

Pezeshkian also cautioned the European countries against their attempts to invoke "snapback sanctions," claiming any such move "will only complicate the situation further and increase tensions."

Despite Iran's repeated warnings, three European signatories of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) or simply the 2015 Iran deal, wrote a formal letter to the UN Security Council to launch a 30-day process to reimpose international sanctions against Iran on August 28.

The UN had withdrawn all international sanctions against Iran through a resolution 2231 after the signing of the JCPOA. If the UNSC accepts the EU's letter, it would mean the reimposition of all international sanctions against Iran.

Although Iran has called the EU's move "illegal and regrettable" and against any diplomatic solution, it has remained open for talks.

On Sept. 1, Pezeshkian advised "the U.S. and Europe to abandon confrontation-based solutions and turn to diplomacy to achieve a balanced and fair solution."

Pezeshkian hoped that the SCO would play a more active role in peacebuilding initiatives, including resolving the longstanding issues in the West Asia region.

Russia and China were the original signatories of the JCPOA along with E3, the U.S., and Iran.

SCO's role is resolving Palestinian issue

Pezeshkian claimed that "as one of the most important independent justice seeking institutions in the world", the SCO "should particularly have a clear and comprehensive plan for managing the longstanding crisis in the West Asia region and addressing the painful issue of the targeted killing and starvation of the innocent people in Gaza and throughout Palestine."

He noted that "what is happening in Gaza today is undoubtedly a stain on the history of humanity and a difficult test for all people and governments witnessing these brutal [Israeli] crimes."

More than 70,000 Palestinians have been killed and over 100,000 have been wounded since October 2023 due to Israel's war in Gaza. Almost all 2 million Palestinians in Gaza are displaced due to the deliberate targeting of their homes by the Israeli forces.

The UN has failed to stop Israel's war crimes in Gaza and to protect the Palestinians, despite adopting numerous resolutions demanding a ceasefire. Israel has also violated resolutions demanding better access to humanitarian aid to Palestinians in Gaza with full impunity. This failure has resulted in deaths from starvation and famine in the besieged Palestinian territory.

Pezeshkian underlined that there will be no "peace and justice" in the world without finding a "just solution" to the Palestinian issue.

The Iranian president claimed that his country has always been in favor of free elections with the participation of all original inhabitants of Palestine "to realize the right to self-determination as the most fundamental principle of international law."

The SCO adopted the Tianjin declaration at the end of the summit which condemned the Israeli atrocities in Gaza and reiterated the demand for the right to self-determination for the Palestinians.

Madagascar welcomes remains of Indigenous warriors taken by French colonial troops 128 years ago

President Andry Rajoelina addresses the state ceremony for the three Sakalava skulls Sept. 2, in Antananarivo, Madagascar, after they were returned from France where they had been kept for 128 years. Photos: AP Photo/Alexander Joe

Relatives participate in the official ceremony Sept. 2, in Antananarivo, Madagascar, marking the return of the three Sakalava skulls from France where they had been kept for 128 years.

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar—Madagascar, on Sept. 2 received three skulls of Indigenous warriors returned from France, including one believed to be of a king killed by French troops 128 years ago. It's the first use of a 2023 French law regulating the return of human remains to its former colonies. One skull is believed to belong to King Toera, the ruler of the once-powerful Sakalava kingdom on Madagascar's West Coast. French colonial troops took the skulls during violent clashes in 1897 and brought them back to France as trophies. They were then kept in a Paris museum alongside hundreds of other human remains from the former French colony, an island country off the southeastern coast of Africa.

Nearly 130 years after their forced transfer to France, the skulls were flown to Antananarivo, Madagascar's capital. They were welcomed Sept. 2 in a solemn ceremony by political and military authorities, as well as members of royal families, at the Mausoleum of Avaratr'Ambohitsaina where prominent figures of the state are buried.

"Today, in this historic place, we honor the martyrs of the nation who fought colonialism," said Madagascar President Andry Rajoelina, standing before three coffins draped in the Malagasy flag. "The memory of their struggle must rekindle in us the flame of patriotism."

A long-awaited homecoming

In a symbolic gesture, King Toera's heir and great-grandson, the newly enthroned Sakalava King Harea Georges Kamamy, sprinkled his ancestor's coffin with water from the sacred Tsiribihina River to "welcome him home." The coffins will be reburied in Menabe, 500 miles from the capital.

King Toera's descendants requested the return of the skulls over 20 years ago. Their restitution is a "gesture of immense significance," said Madagascar's culture minister, Volamiranty Donna Mara, during last week's restitution ceremony held in Paris.

The return of the skulls comes as European countries are increasingly forced to confront their colonial legacy, including theft of cultural artifacts and human remains.

According to researchers, nearly 90% of sub-Saharan Africa's cultural heritage is located outside the continent. Most of it is being held in European museums and was largely acquired during the colonial conquests of the 19th and 20th centuries. Several European countries have put in place legal frameworks to return the artifacts, but the process has been slow and mainly limited to art objects.

The restitution of human remains has been more fraught. Thousands of skulls and other skeletal remains have been looted from former colonies and brought to Europe to be displayed, traded and used for research, and are still being held in museums or private institutions.

France only European country to pass law on human remains

So far, France is the only European country to pass a law specifically tackling the restitution of human remains. It allows the authorities to handle the requests by a simple decree instead of putting in place laws governing individual demands, which had been the case before. The total number of human remains held in France is unknown, but the National Museum of Natural History in Paris where the Sakalava skulls were held, said it had more than 1,000 skeletons and 18,000 skulls.

Belgium holds at least 500 human remains from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Burundi in its public institutions, according to an official report by Belgian scientists in cooperation with the science ministry. Nearly half of the remains were removed from former colonies long after the Belgian government had taken over control from King Leopold. Two years ago the country drafted legislation to regulate the restitution of human remains, but it has been stalled by the change of the government. So far, it has only returned the tooth of Congo's independence hero and first Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba, who was killed in 1961 after he fell out of favor with Belgium and the United States.

Developments in other African countries

In 2018, Namibia regained 27 sets of human remains from Germany after more than a decade of negotiations. The remains, including 19 skulls, five full skeletons and fragments of bone and skin, had been held for decades in German hospitals, museums and universities. In Berlin, the repatriation ceremony in 2018 marked the culmination of talks that began more than a decade earlier. Three years later, Germany officially recognized the colonial-era killings in Namibia as genocide and pledged financial support for affected communities.

Elsewhere in southern Africa, Zimbabwe has pushed for the return of human remains. Without providing a number, the country's home affairs ministry said the remains of 19th-century resistance fighters and spiritual leaders are "still dotted in British Museums." In 2022, the Natural History Museum in London confirmed it held 11 remains from Zimbabwe and expressed willingness to return them after discussions with a visiting delegation.

Activists have staged protests outside the British High Commission in South Africa and launched the #BringBackOurBones campaign to keep the issue alive.

Zimbabwe's former president Robert Mugabe once called the storing of skulls in European museums "among the highest forms of racist moral decadence."

Earlier this year in Britain, the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Afrikan Reparations published a report on the African human remains collected by British museums, calling for their restitution and for banning all sales of human remains.

The continued presence and display of the remains "causes profound distress to diaspora communities and countries of origin," the report said. *(AP)*

South Africa calls for immediate ceasefire in war-torn Sudan

South Africa has called for an immediate ceasefire in Sudan and is urging both sides to resume talks. It said on Aug. 30 there was a need for "inclusive dialogue" to resolve the conflict, which has been raging since April 2023.

Battles between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) have killed thousands and displaced millions. The South African Foreign Ministry described the war as a "humanitarian and refugee crisis" marked by civilian deaths, destruction of infrastructure, and mass displacement in Sudan and neighboring countries.

"South Africa stands in solidarity with the people of Sudan, especially women and children, who continue to face the plight of this war," the ministry said, reiterating calls for an immediate ceasefire and return to negotiations.

Particular concern was raised over El Fasher, the capital of North Darfur province, "which has been besieged for over 500 days." According to the ministry, artillery strikes earlier in August hit densely populated areas, including the central market, leaving 24 people dead and at least 55 injured.

The statement warned that the conflict threatened regional stability and economic security. It called for the protection of civilians, adherence to international humanitarian law, and unimpeded access for humanitarian and medical aid, particularly in El Fasher.

"There can be no military solution to the conflict, which must be resolved in a peaceful manner on the basis of a Sudanese-owned and Sudanese-led inclusive dialogue, paving the way to a peaceful transition process where a civilian-led, democratic Government, can steer the country towards harmony, reconciliation and redevelopment," it stated.

Since April 2023, Sudan has been gripped by fierce fighting between the paramilitary RSF and the national army, with both factions vying for control amid a stalled transition to civilian rule. *(RT.com)*

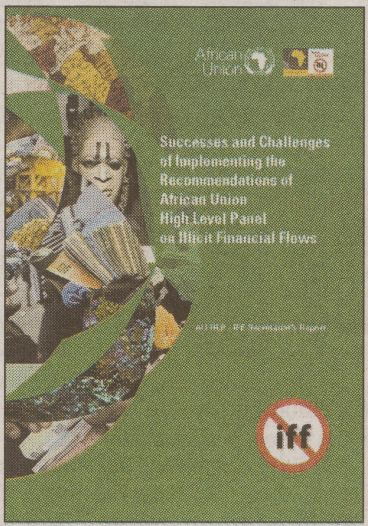
Africa needs fiscal and technical control over its export sector to stop flow of illicit funds

AFRICA WATCH

by Jehron Muhammad

In its recently released report, the African Union estimates that the continent loses roughly $88 billion annually due to Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs). The report published in late August is the follow-up from the AU High-Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows. Its initial report was issued three years after its establishment in 2012.

IFFs are illicit or illegal funds derived from criminal activities and illegal tax practices that are moved or transferred across countries. IFFs could include organized criminal operations, smuggling, government corruption, money laundering, tax evasion, or international trade manipulations.



African Union

Successes and Challenges of Implementing the Recommendations of African Union High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows

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Of these significant losses, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) says Africa is losing an estimated $40 billion annually to illicit IFFs in the "extractive sector."

Antonio Pedro is the executive director of the UNECA. He explained that such financial losses "not only hinder development but also exacerbate economic injustice, including denying underserved populations access to essential resources and "underscoring the connection between IFFs and the pursuit of reparatory justice."

Pedro underscored his remarks in May at the UN's "The African Dialogue Series." He explained that critical challenges for African self-reliance include "attaining sustainable development." He said the adoption of strategic frameworks such as "African Mining Vision and the African Green Minerals strategy, which advocate for resource-driven industrialization and value addition, the continent has the necessary instruments to guarantee that its abundant mineral resources promote economic emancipation, employment generation and benefit local communities." The African Mining Vision and the African Green Minerals strategy was launched by the AU in 2009.

Of the IFFs, according to capitalethiopia.com, Ethiopia is among the top African countries significantly affected by them. "Ethiopia has taken steps toward improving financial transparency and governance, but still faces challenges related to capacity constraints and the complexities of global finance. The nation's vulnerability to IFFs is further exacerbated by inadequate data systems and limited access to comprehensive trade and financial information needed to track suspicious transactions accurately," the website noted.

Unity among African nations is necessary to address the problems of IFFs. A recent headline in the Ethiopian-based The Reporter, titled "Unity Eludes Africa in Fight Against Illicit Financial Outflow: AU Report," suggested that disunity is at the root of the continent's inability to put a stop to IFFs.

The continent remains divided against itself. No substantial consensus seems to be forthcoming, despite much talk about somehow eradicating the "magnitude and depth" of IFFs, which have infected many African countries, including Ethiopia, home of the African Union headquarters.

According to the AU report, one of Africa's main unmonitored culprits in the IFF problem is "globalization." Cross-border flows have enabled the ability to thrive, while causing significant harm to African economies by taking away the preferable, much-needed domestic financing.

Senegalese economist Dr. Ndongo Samba Sylla is Africa Regional Director for Research and Policy at the International Development Economics Associates (IDEAs).

An option to nullify IFFs that is gaining traction is for African governments to gain fiscal and technical control over their export sector.

"As money is not scarce, anything that is technically and materially feasible at the national level can be financed in the national currency. Developing countries need not issue foreign-currency debt to finance projects that require locally available resources such as labor, land, raw materials, equipment, and technologies," he wrote in a 2024 article on project-syndicate.org, titled "The Conceptual Roots of the Global South's Debt Crisis."

In the article, Dr. Sylla writes, "When required resources are not locally available and can be purchased only with foreign currencies, developing countries might be forced to take on the burden of dollar-denominated debt. One could imagine resource-poor or climate-vulnerable countries making such a choice."

"But this ignores the fact that Global South countries often earn substantial income from exports. The issue is that a significant proportion of this income is remitted back to foreign investors – many of whom benefit from an inequitable global tax architecture—as profits or dividends. This is on top of the fraudulent practices that result in illicit financial flows."

He explained that between 2000 and 2018, African countries suffered greater financial hardship from profit transfers by foreign investors, dividend repatriation by subsidiaries to their parent companies, and illicit financial flows than from servicing their external debt.

"They issued foreign-currency debt that paid high interest rates partly to plug the gap created by foreign nationals appropriating—both legally and illegally—vast dollar earnings," Dr. Sylla continued.

Using Zambia as an example, Dr. Sylla said, the country is "a copper-producing country that lost around $10.6 billion in the form of illicit financial flows between 1970 and 1996 (355 percent of its GDP in 1996), $8.8 billion between 2001 and 2010, and $12.5 billion between 2013 and 2015. Zambia's public and publicly guaranteed external debt was $1.2 billion in 2010, rising to $12.5 billion by 2021."

"If the Zambian government had better fiscal and technical control over its export sector, it would have accumulated sufficient dollar reserves to enhance food and energy self-sufficiency and to finance investment in infrastructure and other public goods requiring the import of foreign productive capacity," he wrote.

"There would have been no need to take on so much foreign-currency debt. The same could be said for other resource-rich African countries," Dr. Sylla concluded.

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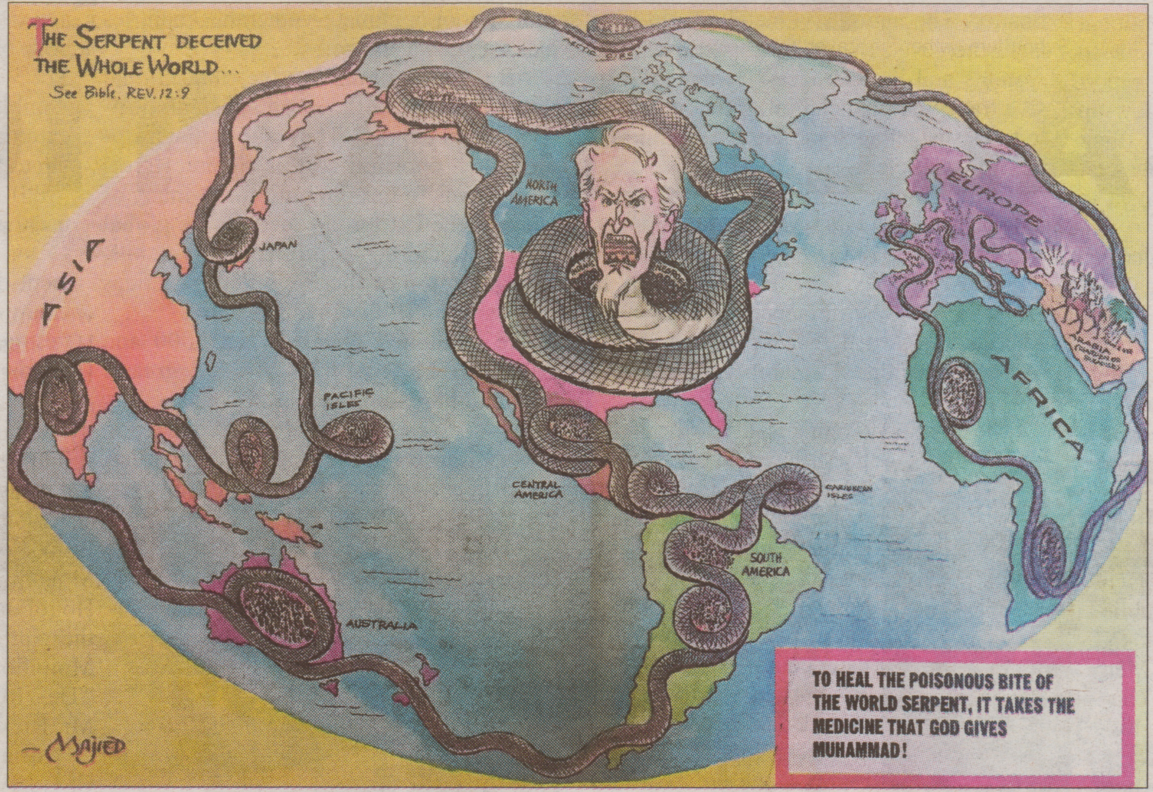
A warmonger and instigator



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The United States has a sordid and ugly history when it comes to its foreign policy dealings and endeavors. Instigating coups or attempted coups, setting up puppet regimes, assassinating leaders, false-flag operations and fomenting division and discord are just a few of the underhanded tactics America has used in its warmongering arsenal over the past several decades. Often, these moves are presented under the guise of "peacemaking," "diplomacy," upholding "democracy" or U.S. "safety," but nothing could be further from the truth. What makes things worse is that most of the time, U.S. government officials' versions of events are used to justify their actions.

The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Eternal Leader of the Nation of Islam, likened America to a giant "serpent" with its tail spread around the nations of the earth.

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, National Representative of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, exposed the extensive pattern of America's errant foreign policy and what the country has done to incite, instigate or provoke conflicts during several parts of his 2013 "The Time and What Must Be Done" lecture series.

In part 34, Minister Farrakhan stated, "What is the definition of 'errant'? It means 'deviation from the regular or proper course; erring; straying.' 'Erring' means 'going astray; being in error or wrong.'"

Venezuela is the latest example of U.S. aggression that seems to be leading to growing conflict.

President Donald Trump announced Sept. 2 on his Truth Social platform that the military had carried out a strike on a vessel that had departed the shores of Venezuela, killing 11 people on board. He also posted a video clip "of a small vessel appearing to explode in flames," according to the Associated Press. This act of military aggression came just a few days after the U.S. deployed warships, equipped with guided-missile destroyers, to waters off the coast of the South American country in early August.

The president alleges the vessel was being operated by gang members transporting illegal narcotics. Several media outlets have noted that so far, the White House has not provided evidence that the vessel had illegal drugs on board or that those on board were gang members.

"Trump and administration officials have repeatedly blamed the gang for being at the root of the violence and illicit drug dealing that plague some cities. And the president on Tuesday (Sept. 2) repeated his claim—contradicted by a declassified U.S. intelligence assessment—that Tren de Aragua is operating under Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro's control," noted AP.

Critics argued that the U.S. actions were illegal and that the reported strike did nothing more than provoke conflict. "U.S. officials have yet to cite the legal authority that justified Tuesday's airstrike on an alleged Venezuelan drug smuggling boat in international waters, as criticism mounts from legal experts," reported cbc.ca, Canada's public broadcasting network.

U.S. Congresswoman Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) immediately condemned the attack, calling it "lawless and reckless."

"Congress has not declared war on Venezuela, or Tren de Aragua, and the mere designation of a group as a terrorist organization does not give any President carte blanche to ignore Congress's clear Constitutional authority on matters of war and peace," the Somali American lawmaker said in a statement posted on her congressional website.

"From the video posted by the President and Secretary Rubio, it appears that US forces that were recently sent to the region in an escalatory and provocative manner were under no threat from the boat they attacked. There is no conceivable legal justification for this use of force. Unless compelling evidence emerges that they were acting in self-defense, that makes the strike a clear violation of international law," her statement continued.

Reuters reported on Sept. 5 that several U.S. warships have been deployed to the Caribbean.

Justsecurity.org, an online independent daily digital law and policy journal noted on Sept. 5 that, "Today, there are reportedly a growing number of military assets in the Caribbean region, including at least three guided missile destroyers, at least one submarine, and both the Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group (composed of three warships) as well as the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit with 2,220 Marines."

America's history of aggression in other countries cannot and should not be overlooked, nor should its pattern of and penchant for bloodshed and war despite talks of "peace."

As America expands its military presence in the Caribbean and other parts of the world and continues its pattern of aggression, it would be wise to once again harken unto the voice of a Divine Servant of Allah (God).

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan is a servant of Allah (God) and a warner to the nations of the earth, particularly America. He has cautioned several U.S. presidents and administrations, regardless of which political party is in power, that their actions domestically and abroad have grave consequences in the eyes of Allah (God).

"Instead of seeing Farrakhan as a 'hater of America,' you should see me in the light of one who loves the land in which I was born, and sees America as the greatest country in the last 6,000 years," he stated in part 14 of "The Time and What Must Be Done."

"And, I am warning you because I want to see the country avert the consequences of her evil by encouraging her, in the short time that is left, to really 'change'—a change that God will believe in! Not a change that the ignorant believe in, but a 'change' that God will know that you really want to save your lives, the lives of your children, and carve out a new future for yourself!" Minister Farrakhan said.

We should all take heed to this warning from a Divine Warner.

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DaQuan Grayson, 21, speaks about the positive impact of Hip Hop DetoxX.

Supporters gather for prayer before Aug. 22 press conference. Photos: Stanley Muhammad

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A CALL TO ACTION

Community leaders, activists embrace upcoming youth empowerment event

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Enoch Muhammad of Hip-Hop DetoxX speaks about the upcoming Males 2 Men event in Chicago.

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The free event will be held Oct. 16.

CHICAGO—More than 1,000 male high school juniors and seniors will gather at Chicago State University on October 16 to mark the 3rd annual Males 2 Men Empowerment Seminar & Benefit.

The announcement was made by Enoch Muhammad, co-founder of the public health organization Hip Hop DetoxX (HHD) and organizer of the Males 2 Men Seminar, during a live-streamed press conference/fundraiser where plans for the historic day were detailed.

Community activists, educators, hip hop artists, clergy and HHD alumni gave reflections at the Aug. 22 press conference and appealed for volunteers and financial support.

"There's a sacred covenant that we have that allows us to do the work we do," said Enoch Muhammad. "Some people call it being mission-oriented. I'm committed to this."

Citing issues that plague the Black community, Enoch Muhammad said, "We define Hip Hop as truth without boundaries and the DetoxX is to remove the poisons. We have to teach young people how to take the poisons they may have grown up with and turn them into antidotes."

The free event will feature workshops on life skills, career pathways such as artificial intelligence, skilled trades, entrepreneurship, and health and wellness. There will be keynote addresses, panel discussions and a free lunch.

A major goal will be to enlist 300 adult men to commit to mentoring 1,000 youth over 12 months, Enoch Muhammad said.

The theme for the Males 2 Men Seminar is "Rise Up, Follow Up, Follow Through," Enoch Muhammad said, adding, "We don't do one-day events that's not connected to a long-term goal." The celebration will conclude with an evening Hip Hop DetoxX LIVE benefit performance.

Father Michael Pfleger of St. Sabina Church issued a "call to action," demanding resources for the communities "that are in trauma."

"Black men are in crisis," he said. "They are filled with potential and possibilities that are not being realized."

Chicago State President Zaldwaynaka Scott welcomed the group and called for the community to support their fundraising goals.

"Hip Hop DetoxX is a family, it's not just an organization," said HHD alumni DaQuan Grayson, 21, commenting on how the group impacted him. "My biggest takeaways were discipline, respect and punctuality." He also enjoyed the self-defense training, t-shirt designing and the art of agriculture, he said.

Alumni Devin Bilbro, an aspiring actor/singer who opened the press conference with the song "A Change is Gonna Come," said he initially didn't take Bro. Enoch seriously when he visited his school, but he had a method to grab attention. "Bro. Enoch has a good balance of discipline and fun," he said. "He and my grandfather helped me to become the man I am."

Giving a testimonial via audio recording, Tineka Hawkins, parent of a HHD alum, was near tears as she thanked the organization for helping to get her and her son through a very tough time in their lives.

"They (HHD) helped lift us at a time we thought we were drowning," Ms. Hawkins said haltingly. "Thanks to Hip Hop DetoxX, I learned things about my son and about myself. To us you are family because that's what you gave us."

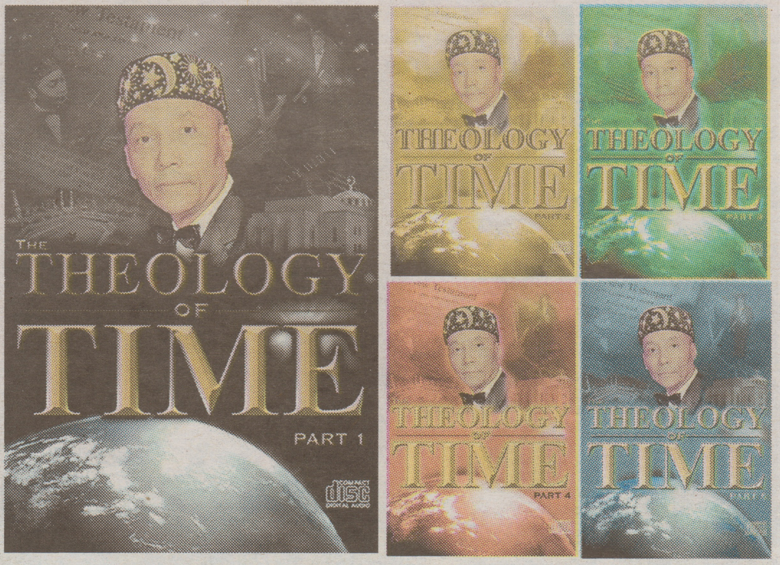
Other participants included Revin Fellows, a former high school basketball stand-out and co-founder of non-profit Books over Balls organization, Barney Muhammad, a long-time follower of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam, hip hop poet Toni Monoflow, and social media influencer "The Real O.G. (Original Gentleman) Mr. Rick."

Adrian Mercado, assistant director of CSU's African American Male Resource Center and a member of TEMBO (Teaching & Educating Men of Black Origin), reflected on the excitement of attending the Million Man March and shaking the hand of Minister Farrakhan there.

Enoch Muhammad referred to the 1995 Million Man March and its theme of atonement, reconciliation, and responsibility. He said Hip-Hop DetoxX's Males 2 Men will channel the spirit of the Million Man March into action for the 1,000-plus young men and 300 adult mentors free of charge to participants.

Chicago educator Abdul Muhammad, whose role was to help raise funds through the live stream appeal, told The Final Call, "Just to feed the 1,000 young people and 300 mentors will take a significant effort. But we're up to the task because this is more than a mission, it's a commitment. We want the community to help us to help our young men."

For more information or to support this effort, please contact Brother-Enoch@hiphopdetoxx.org, visit www.hiphopdetoxx.org, or call 773-563-4315.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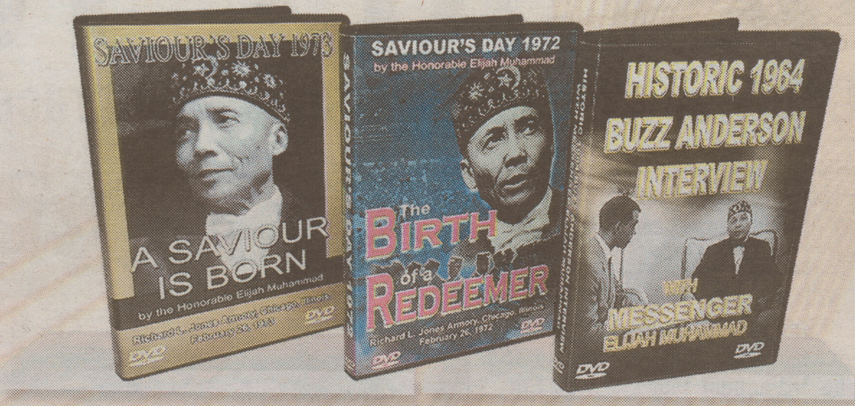
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Fire Fed With Fuel

by the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad

The subject of this chapter is taken from the Holy Qur'an Chapter 85:5.

We do not hope for peace as long as we add to the war that which serves as fuel to a fire. The fire cannot go out as long as we keep it burning by adding more fuel. A dying, burning fire is increased when more fuel is thrown into it.

There are a lot of people who are so anxious for peace so that they can return to committing that which they lack and love—idling, sport and play.

The world that we live in desires first of all to hide the truth to keep the Black man who is made blind, deaf and dumb by the scientific tricknology of the White race, so that the White race can continue to carry on the same deceiving and wickedness that they have been practicing.

How can we expect peace where the method used to bring about peace is the same method that started the war—instead of finding a right solution and then practicing the right solution?

I say these things for the sake of my own Black people, for they are so ignorant to the knowledge of the truth of the time in which we are living. What they would like to do cannot be done, for the time to even continue to do what you are doing, is up.

We must remember again the prediction of the Bible. It has foretold these times, if we understand the Bible. It most certainly teaches us that there is no peace for the wicked.

There is no people who preach such a thing as peace and as being true followers of the prophet Jesus, as much as the White Christians do. Day and night the airwaves are full of their preaching. To hear them, you would think that they are the prophets Moses and Aaron. As the words of the Jesus put it, "They sat in Moses' Seat."

The White Christians are great deceivers. The pope of Rome cannot bring peace to the Christian church, for he is not enjoying peace himself.

So who is that people then that the Bible prophesies of in the Book of Isaiah that "He will extend peace to them like rivers?" Surely it cannot be the present Christian White race for they are the ones who are breaking the peace.

"Fire Fed with Fuel"—leaving your own home and country you go to another man's home and country to make trouble for that people and then accuse that people of being the troublemaker. It is the attacker who is guilty of that which follows the attack.

I say to you Black people, you can get away from that old misunderstanding of the time. You are not living in a time in which you may be expecting a settlement of the war that will give you what you have always been used to—sport and play and foolishness.

Actually now is the time that you and I should be wise enough to understand that we should think for self and do for self. If you do not know how to do for self, you should follow the man to whom Allah (God) has given that knowledge to teach you how to do for self.

With the oceans filled with the fleets of the White Christians and the skies clouded with their death-dealing planes over other peoples' territory could you tell them that they should submit to you for peace? If you are able to force them to their knees or to destroy them, then I say yes. If that was the situation then I would say that they should submit and let you triumph.

But you cannot force them to their knees. They have been preparing for a war like this for nearly a century; or rather I should say, they have been preparing and working faithfully for a half a century to entertain the attacker with the same type weapon and better weapons than the weapons you are attacking them with. If you resort to worse weapons they have worse weapons also.

The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad

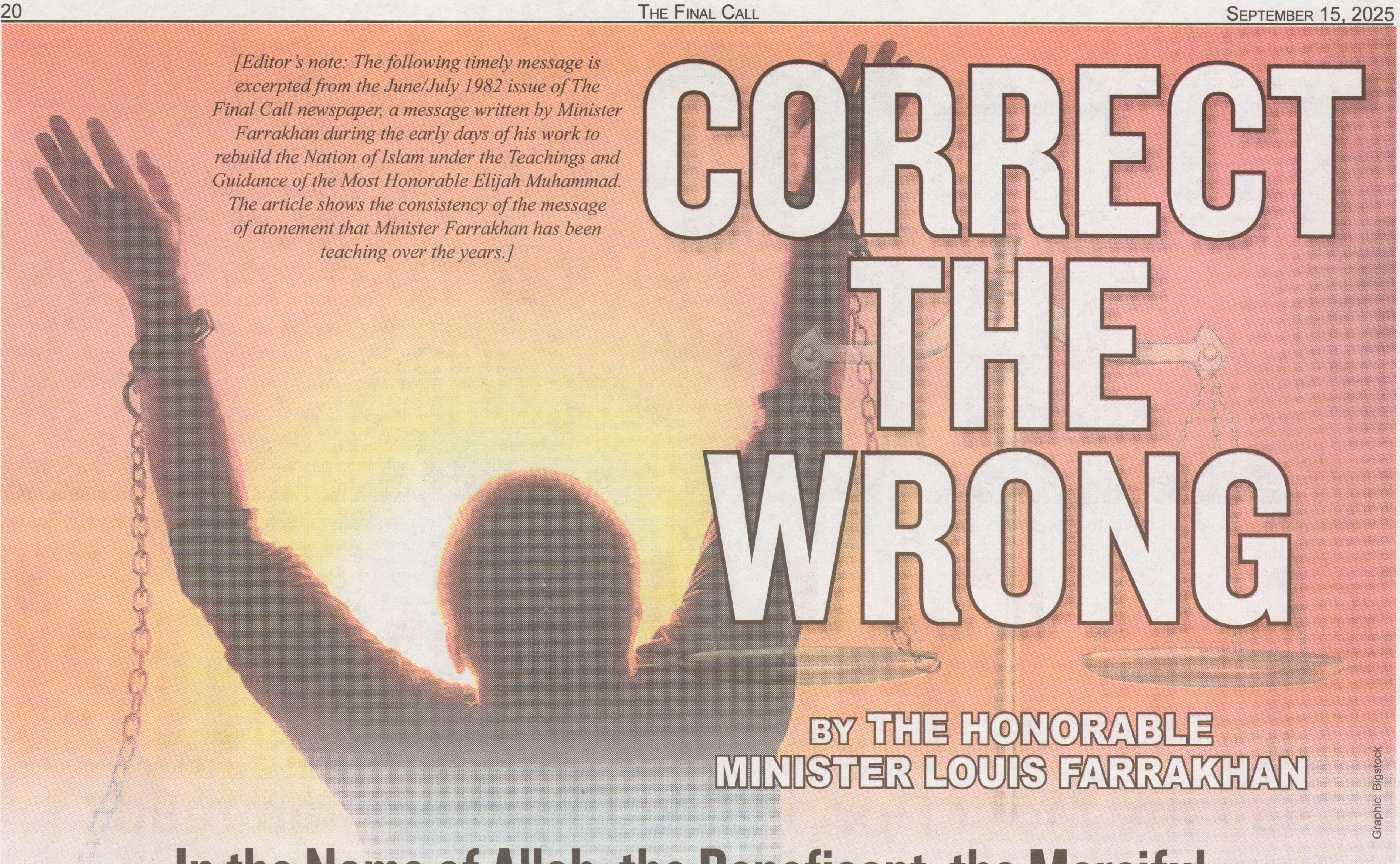
So we are in a time when argument to the contrary of peace is like heaping fuel on a fire—it keeps it burning. We are living in an evil time.

I believe, and maybe many hundreds of thousands believe as I do, that the President of the United States of America had good intentions toward the citizens of America when he took over the presidency, but the time is against him.

For the past four thousand years and more Allah (God) has already given the prophecy through the mouth of His prophets of the doom of the wicked. Now is the time and we cannot do anything but take it, and it is dangerous to add fuel to an unwanted fire.

THE FIRE IS THE WAR!

(Reprinted from "The Fall Of America," 1973, page 209.)



[Editor's note: The following timely message is excerpted from the June/July 1982 issue of The Final Call newspaper, a message written by Minister Farrakhan during the early days of his work to rebuild the Nation of Islam under the Teachings and Guidance of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. The article shows the consistency of the message of atonement that Minister Farrakhan has been teaching over the years.]

CORRECT THE WRONG

BY THE HONORABLE MINISTER LOUIS FARRAKHAN

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In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has advised the nations of the earth and us, as individuals, to "correct the wrong." One of the greatest attributes of Allah (God) is His abundant Mercy. He is Oft-Returning to Mercy and Forgiving. But we, His servants, must be worthy of His Forgiveness. We must take the proper steps to receive His Forgiveness. And one of those steps is that we must correct our wrongs.

I am saying to the troubled world, help put Black people, the Black man and woman of America, into his and her proper and rightful place, and God will remove your headaches. Don't continue the wrong, correct it and you will come into the Forgiveness and the Mercy of Allah.

The government of the United States has wronged the Black man and woman of America. The problem of Black people in this country has lingered for over 400 years without a solution. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is warning the government that it must correct the wrong. Our fathers were brought into slavery, not to be made equal citizens, but to be made burden-bearers of the citizens of America. After 100 years of so-called freedom, the masses of Black people in this country are in a worse condition. America must correct the wrong.

The leaders that we developed to lead us out of the pitiful condition that the American White people have placed us in have been set upon and destroyed. Organizations that were founded and developed to ease our plight have been systematically destroyed. Now hatred is budding between the two people; a hatred that is bound to bring clashing and revolution. The proper steps must be taken. We must correct the wrong.

The Judgment of Allah is now seen. The land of America is being curtailed on all sides. There is an increase of disease, insanity, sickness, murder, rape, robbery and mayhem. The society is being pulled apart by conflict; people are crying out for justice.

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When Abraham Lincoln called the first White House Conference with Black leaders, he proposed separation either in Africa or Central America. He honestly and forthrightly told the Black leaders of what hardship they would face if they continued on in America. He also told these leaders of the possible blessings that could come to Africa if we returned home.

It seemed that he wanted the nightmare of slavery to be turned into a blessing for both sides.

These Black leaders did not take this offer and some of Lincoln's own people opposed him, so separation and nationhood for us never came about. Indeed, it couldn’t because these “leaders” were so thoroughly robbed of self-knowledge that they never believed they could be successful without their slave master.

According to history, four peoples were involved in bringing our fathers into slavery, some Arabs, Jews, Europeans and Africans. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has said to us that no problem in the world is more difficult to solve than the problem of raising the Black man up—settling the differences between the Black man of America (the slave) and the slave master’s children. He also said that no problem in the world would be solved until the Black man of America is given justice. And now all of these who helped in the trafficking of slaves are beset with problems that will ultimately destroy them; and it is precisely because none have followed the guidance of Allah’s Messenger, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, and moved to correct the wrong.

Was it right that land be taken from the Palestinians to give the Jewish people a state? Was it right to leave millions of Palestinians homeless? Correct the wrong.

Was it right that Israel invaded Lebanon, destroying the lives of innocent Palestinian and Lebanese men, women and children? This is not correcting the wrong; this is compounding the wrong.

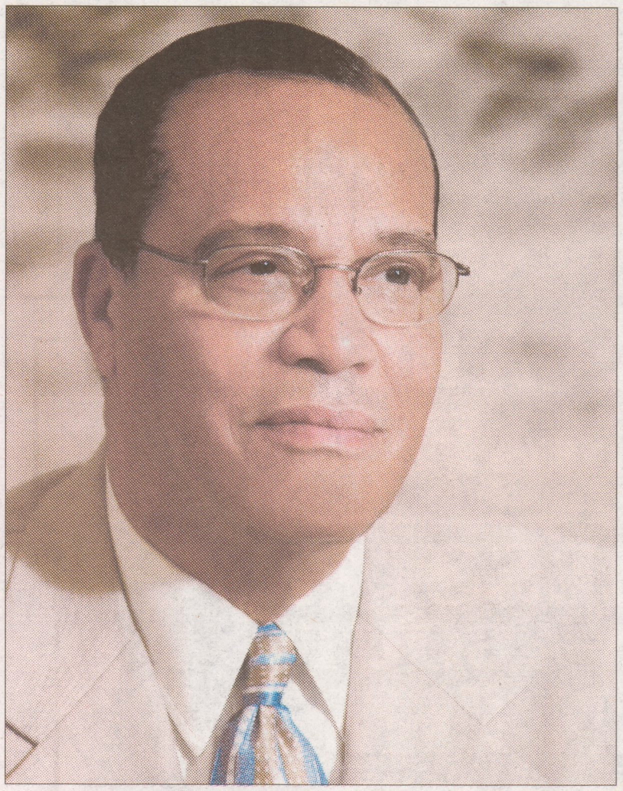
The Arab and Muslim world is divided against itself. The Arab and Muslim world cannot see its way to unity for the good of that troubled area of the world. Many Arabs and Muslims have stood by and watched the slaughter of the Palestinians and the Lebanese, their Arab brethren. Correct the wrong.

The Arab and Muslim world has sat by and watched the slaughter of their brethren, especially in Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia and Chechnya.

Is the Arab disunity and their inability to check the advancement of the forces of her enemies a sign that Allah is chastising them for failure to correct the wrong? However, with every Palestinian that is being killed by the forces of Israel, the Arab world is becoming more embittered and more resolved to destroy the state of Israel. Every victory that Israel gains moves her closer toward her ultimate defeat.

Correct the wrong

Israel now is losing some of her friends, and her greatest ally, the United States, is getting increasingly angry over the policies of [former Israeli Prime Minister] Menachem Begin. Division is seething and is growing between the two friends. Is this a chastisement for evils done and for failure to correct the wrong?


The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan

Soon the Middle East will be bathed in blood; the Arabs and the Jews will try to destroy each other. Their conflict will be a trigger to a greater and wider war, which the Honorable Elijah Muhammad says will take place in Europe. And there the European nations, with the exception of a few, will be totally and completely destroyed. Russia and the United States will be the agents of chastisement. The war in Europe is shaping up now. Is this a chastisement for failure to correct the wrong? Even the mercy of God is not infinite. He gives us time and He guides us to the steps that must be taken to correct the wrong. But if we ignore His counsel, we compound the wrong and speed up the day of eventual payment for that wrong. The world has now reached that point.

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The Europeans who trafficked in Black bodies are now facing the destruction of their land and people. The Arabs and the Jews that trafficked in Black bodies are now facing the Chastisement and Wrath of Allah. America, which trafficked in Black bodies, is being pulled deeper into the final war, which will destroy her power as a nation: A punishment for failure to correct the wrong.

We, who follow the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, declare to the world that Almighty God, Allah, has intervened in our affairs and has raised up in the midst of us, the Promised Messiah, the Deliverer, with the Guidance to reform the condition of Black people in this country and throughout the world and with the Guidance necessary to help America and us settle our 400-year-old problem. He brings the Guidance to aid us in correcting the wrong.

Allah (God) is He who judges intentions and motives. I am sure that many Arabs, Christians and Jews felt that Elijah Muhammad was an impostor, a false man. But in his departure from us and the demise of the Nation of Islam, you all have a chance to reassess this man because I, Louis Farrakhan, one of his students, am standing up in his name, and Allah is blessing me with success in rebuilding his work with the help of those who believe. You are seeing once again a marvelous transformation taking place in the lives of hundreds and thousands of Black people across these United States. Even though the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is not physically present, we are following His guidance and program, and Allah (God) is making us successful. Does this not prove to you that this man was and is from Allah? Who has power to give life and raise us up from death? None but Allah.

This is The Final Call! The nations must correct the wrong. The Judgment is at our doors.

If the Jews and the Arabs, Europe and America, and our people of Africa recognize that Allah (God) is backing the rise of the Black man in America and that the world will have no peace until the Black man’s problem is solved, then get busy and aid me in this work. The world could be saved from the impending disaster! Will you correct the wrong and live?

During the time of Prophet Muhammad of Arabia (peace be upon him), the black stone of the Ka’bah was out of place. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) summoned four chiefs and guided them in putting the stone back into place. I am saying to the troubled world, help put Black people, the Black man and woman of America, into his and her proper and rightful place, and God will remove your headaches. Don’t continue the wrong, correct it and you will come into the Forgiveness and the Mercy of Allah.

Black people of America, you have wronged yourselves by rejecting clear guidance that has come to you from the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. I implore you to correct the wrong. Many Muslim followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad have strayed from his guidance and are suffering great loss. The world is suffering loss: the Arabs, the Jews, the Europeans, the Americans, the Africans, the world of man and mankind is suffering loss. Allah warns us in the Holy Qur’an to consider the time. “By the time!”

Thank you for reading these words.

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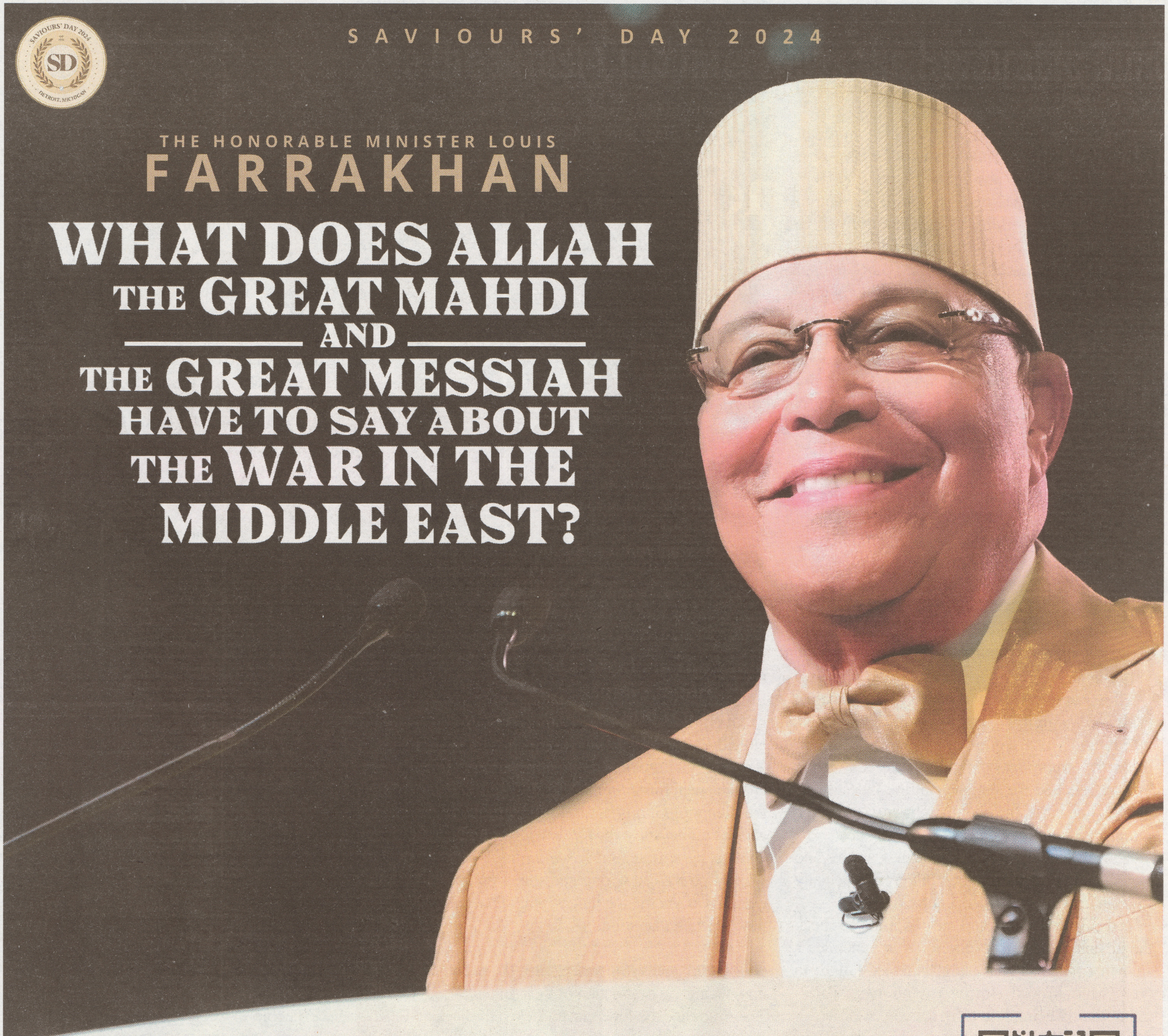

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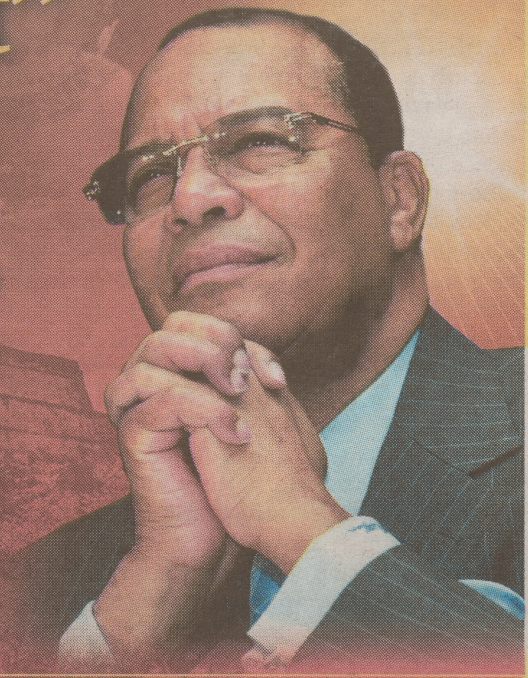

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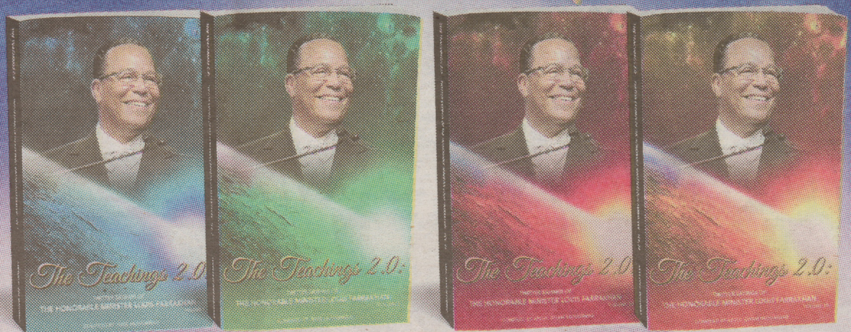
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Could the cashless bail system be in jeopardy?

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—In a significant move to reportedly push crime-fighting to the forefront of his administration's agenda, President Donald Trump recently signed an executive order at the White House that seeks to end the practice of cashless bail across the United States. The order also includes a provision that would threaten to revoke federal funding from states and local jurisdictions that continue to implement cashless or low-cash bail policies.

"Our great law enforcement officers risk their lives to arrest potentially violent criminals, only to be forced to arrest the same individuals, sometimes for the same crimes, while they await trial on the previous charges," the executive order read. "This is a waste of public resources and a threat to public safety."

The executive order requires Attorney General Pam Bondi to identify local and state jurisdictions that have eliminated cash bail for defendants accused of crimes posing a threat to public safety. Jurisdictions identified will face potential suspension or termination of federal funding.

In Washington, D.C., where cashless bail has been a longstanding practice, the order instructs federal law enforcement, through the D.C. Safe and Beautiful Task Force, to assume custody of arrested suspects whenever feasible under the law, and to pursue federal charges aimed at pretrial detention.

The president also signed a more specific order related to cashless bail in Washington, D.C., where he declared a "crime emergency." The order's goal is to keep as many criminal defendants in federal custody as possible, pursuing federal charges and pretrial detention "whenever possible, consistent with applicable law."

Since the colonial era, cash bail has been an integral component of the U.S. criminal justice system, originating from English common law, to ensure that defendants appear in court. However, by the mid-20th century, critics argued that it had deviated from its initial purpose, functioning more as a penalty for those in poverty rather than a protective measure.

D.C. was an early adopter in 1992 and now primarily relies on judges' assessments of whether a defendant poses a threat to public safety or might flee when determining pretrial release. Supporters argue that this approach advances fairness by preventing detention solely due to an inability to pay bail.

By the early 2000s, increasing attention to mass incarceration and racial disparities encouraged new reform efforts. New Jersey's 2017 bail reform greatly reduced the use of cash bail, replacing it with risk assessments. Illinois became the first state to eliminate cash bail in 2023 through its SAFE-T Act, a reform upheld by the state's Supreme Court.

While cashless bail may seem fair, Chicago Attorney Hakeem Muhammad highlights its challenges. He told The Final Call, "Cashless bill does not mean everyone who is accused of a crime automatically gets out of jail pending trial. The court system applies a legal standard to determine whether the person is a danger to society. The judge will hear evidence, including the person's likelihood of committing another crime while released and their criminal record. Then the attorneys from both sides will argue whether or not the person is a threat to the safety of society.

"If, after hearing both sides, the judge determines that there are no conditions that will ensure the safety of the community, the person can still be detained in a cashless system pending a trial. My concern is the same racism that once resulted in judges setting Black defendants with high bail, is the same racism that can result in a judge just detaining someone, saying that they were a threat to society. There's no way other than a legal argument that that ruling can be overturned. At least in a system where you had a high bail, there's some hope, if you come up with X amount of money, the person can come out."

Opponents of the new executive order were swift to condemn it. The ACLU's Cynthia Roseberry, director of policy and government affairs, explained in a statement, "To further his dangerous, performative abuse of power in D.C., President Trump today took another step to make people in our nation's capital less safe by targeting common sense bail reforms. These executive orders are another blatant power grab by the Trump administration that will only serve to benefit the predatory bail industry. But the people who will be most impacted are those with the fewest resources. Whether we can afford to pay should never determine our freedom."

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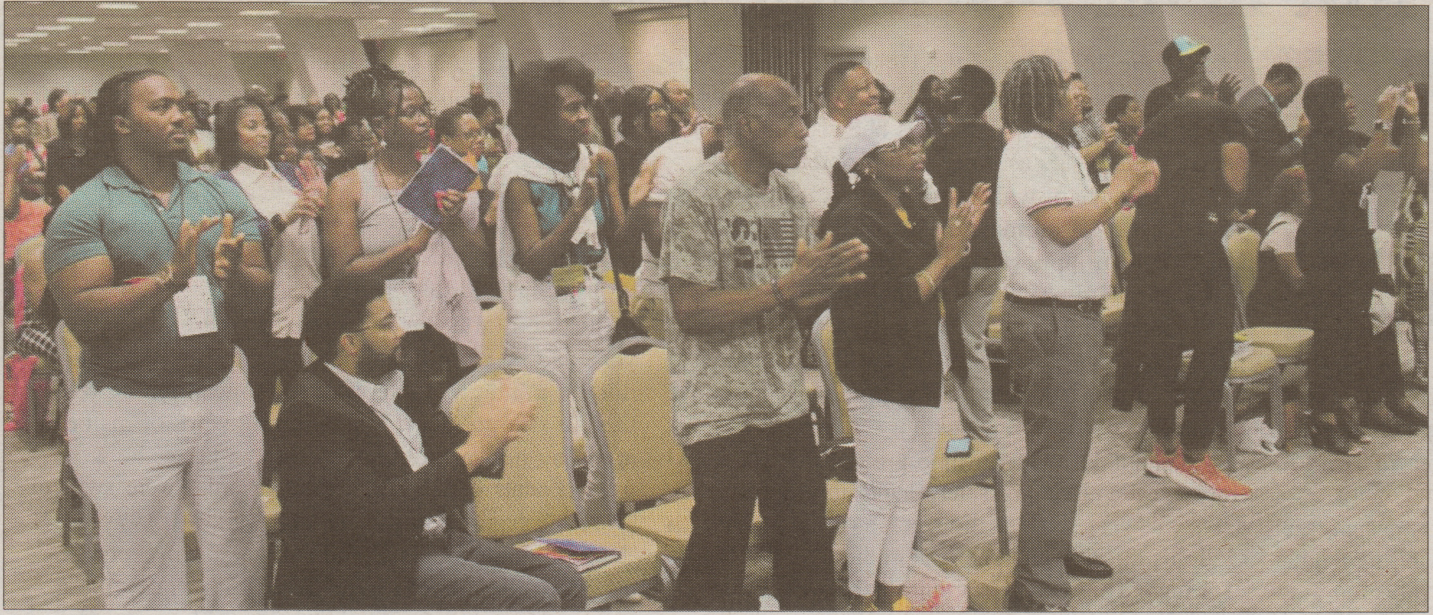
'If we do not save ourselves, nobody else is going to do it'

The All Black National Convention pushes for economic independence



More than 200 people attended the 10th All Black National Convention, which, coincided with the 125th anniversary of the National Business League Conference. Photos: Eric Ture Muhammad

Dr. Boyce Watkins presents during a session at the All Black National Convention in Atlanta.

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ATLANTA—When Dr. Ken Harris, president and CEO of The National Business League, called businessman and author Dr. Boyce Watkins about working together and doing something that would make history, Dr. Watkins accepted. That marked the beginning of a partnership that formed the 125th anniversary of the National Business League Conference and the 10th anniversary of Dr. Watkins' All Black National Convention.

"It was really divine alignment," Dr. Watkins, a businessman, author and speaker, said to The Final Call. This was the first time the All Black National Convention partnered with another organization.

"We're most proud of the fact that in a year where all the DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion) programs are being taken away, a lot of the Black conferences are really being muted because of that. We were bigger and stronger than ever, and I think that's a reminder of the importance of economic sovereignty when it comes to us being who we really want to be," Dr. Watkins said.

The convention took place on Aug. 23-24 at the Hilton Atlanta Hotel. Sessions covered the "DEI recession," Black relationships, Black men in America, the Black family, technology and artificial intelligence, generational wealth and wisdom, land and real estate, Black education and reparations.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Watkins described America as a sinking ship and argued that Black people need to learn to defend against economic warfare.

Brother Salahuddin, father of NFL player Ezekiel Elliott, and Dr. Boyce Watkins at the All Black National Convention held Aug. 23-24.

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, National Representative of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, has taught Black people for decades that "business is warfare."

"The enemy has never wanted to see us economically powerful, and every effort that we have made to become economically strong, the architect of that economic strength was always labeled as anti-Semitic. Booker T. Washington wanted us to be economically free," Minister Farrakhan said in a message titled, "Our Unity and Pooling Resources for Economic Strength," delivered on May 21, 2016, at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

"What is the mission of the entrepreneur? It is not just to make money to fatten the pockets of an individual or a family, but the entrepreneur is the bellwether. They are the ones who signal to the people 'we are present to supply our people's needs,'" Minister Farrakhan added. "If you're not a soldier in the economic battle for justice and freedom, then we're going to lose."

Dr. Watkins described to The Final Call the landscape in which many Black people find themselves today.

"You have those who are really suffering because opportunities were taken away from them. Financial security was evaporated. Black women lost hundreds of thousands of jobs. Anything related to DEI was pretty much eliminated. So to some extent, in that space, it was a bit of an economic genocide. And government contracts were taken away. And that's not fair. That's not right," he said.

"But at the same time, as Minister Farrakhan has said … is really pushing us to do for self and to really understand the importance of economic independence," Dr. Wakins said.

He explained that the current time is a learning experience for Black people, teaching them to realize they must save themselves. "If we do not save ourselves, nobody else is going to do it. The same people that you give the power to feed you also have the power to starve you. So it's going to be temporary pain for long-term progress," he said. "This is not a loss, this is an investment, and I believe at the end of the day we're going to be so much stronger because of it."

Panelists at the All Black National Convention discussed the importance of Black people having their own and sustaining themselves.

An excerpt from a message from the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan addressing "scared-to-death negroes" set the tone for the Aug. 24 panel discussions.

Dr. Watkins held a fireside chat with Brother Salahuddin, father of NFL star Ezekiel Elliott and president of the NFL Fathers' Association. Bro. Salahuddin discussed how guidance from Minister Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam helped shape his role as a father, especially in an industry like the NFL, where he witnessed the breakup of Black families.

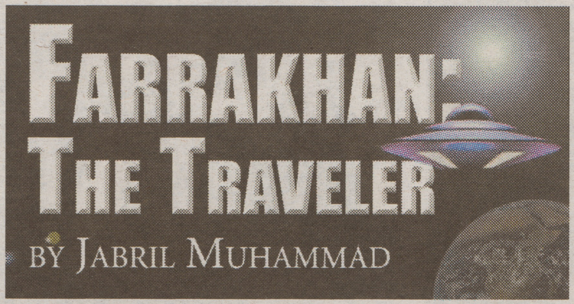
The day ended with a panel of Black women discussing real estate, insurance and entrepreneurship.

Overall, Dr. Watkins described the All Black National Convention as a gathering space and think tank for Black people to be their best selves. "It's not one person that's saving and lifting the whole community; it's all of us lifting the community. In order to lift the masses, the masses must lift ourselves," he said. "We must have solutions. The beautiful part of it is that everything we need is already there. To some extent, you can think of the convention as an excavation, where we're digging and we're pulling the gold that's already in our backyard. That's the purpose."

In his May 21, 2016, message in Winston-Salem, Minister Farrakhan emphasized the importance of knowing Allah (God) even in business.

"When you know God, now you're able to do real business, because there's not a businessman greater than the God who created all of this and made every creature to be able to find food and build a little nest, or home, or hole for itself. But here we are made in the image and likeness of God and we've become a nation of beggars. That's disgraceful," he said. "When you know who you are, and when you know whose you are, you don't let any human make you feel less than what God made you. God didn't make n-----s. N-----s are a product made in America. God makes man and woman. And as a man and a woman, we must stand up like men and women and command our future," Minister Farrakhan said.

A Valuable Blackman, Part 3: The Rise of the Black man and woman



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If the Black man and woman, of America, are the people of God's choice today to build a new world, everything in the nature of the creation, powered by its Author, will force the Black man and woman in America to rise to their original and natural place in the universal order of things—in spite of themselves. If it's time, there is no force that can stop this rise.

Daniel records this fact in these words:

"… the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." (2:35)

Again, Daniel 2:44 reads:

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."

The Nation of Islam, which is being formed right here in the United States of America, is the kingdom that Daniel foresaw that would be set up by God Himself. It would never fall, once it was established. The full establishment was to occur after the departure of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad—yet through him—by the wisdom and power of the Lord of the worlds.

On this same point, Matthew wrote:

"The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed … which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof." (13:31 and 32) This is to say that others, other than the Black people of America—who have been the least of all people on the earth—will also benefit from their resurrection.

The old folks used to say, "The bottom rail will come to the top." That is happening now.

The 16th Chapter of Matthew records an event, which, whether or not it actually happened 2,000 years ago, in whole or in part, was written to give a picture of a specific set of events that took place prior to the departure of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. This event of Matthew 16, foreshadowing certain events to come, has been referred to for nearly 2,000 years as Peter's confession.

The essence of what is in Matthew 16 is that Jesus led his most intimate followers to a place called Caesarea Philippi. He deliberately chose a place that was outside of the locations where there was a greater Jewish influence. This city was a Gentile or pagan stronghold named after the Roman emperor Caesar. It was in Caesarea Philippi that Jesus chose to lead his followers, through a series of questions, to test their knowledge of his identity. He questioned them about who the people thought he was. Their answers showed their grasp of his place with God; his mission and position in the overall scheme of things. This was important, as he was, in effect, part of his own message.

Even though there were some, in that little group, who had come to see the identity of Jesus (even that he was the Messiah, to some extent) before Peter, he was the one who stated in a particularly open manner: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16)

Mark 8:29 and Luke 9:20 records Peter's words in these forms, depending on which translation you read:

"You are the Messiah." "Thou art the Christ." "You are God's Messiah." "You are the Christ of God."

Jesus knew that this was the time when he could expect such understanding—especially from Peter, as he had already chosen Peter for an awesome future assignment. Jesus responded to his disciple by telling Peter that he was a blessed man, for God Himself was the Source of that revelation to him. In addition, he said, so it is written:

"… thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:17 and 18)

To prevail means "to be greater in strength or influence; to triumph; to be or become effective; win out; to get the better of; to overcome, master, conquer, surmount, best, worst; to rule, dominate, reign, predominate, preponderate."

Could this have been fulfilled 2,000 years ago? No!

In the 19th verse of Matthew 16, we read:

"And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Again, could this really have been fulfilled 2,000 years ago—especially in the light of the history of the world, from that time until now?

(There is the deepest kind of tie in between the meaning of the numbers of these verses in conjunction with their contents and the time of their fulfillment; especially in the work of the Honorable Louis Farrakhan.)

Notice, Jesus is saying that he himself would direct this building work through Peter and others. He will do the building of his "church," by the power of his God, after he had gone to where his Father was, and he would give Peter the keys to the kingdom at a time to come after the time when he was then talking to them. This building work of his began after he was put on the cross and after he went to his Father.

At a certain point in his spiritual development, the Honorable Louis Farrakhan came to recognize certain truths about his teacher. With that came a sense of a future work that he would do in relation to that recognition. He informed his teacher of what he saw. This was one of the critical stages in his development. His teacher acknowledged what his Minister saw—up to a point—and continued his Minister's preparation for that future work, which he has now been performing since 1977.

Note here, that there was a specific set of exchanges—during this critical juncture (between the teacher and his pupil, from about 1968-1972) during which the latter wrote a letter to his teacher; in response to certain things his teacher was unfolding to him. I've seen a draft of that letter. I bear witness that it constitutes the fulfillment of "Peter's Confession."

In fact, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad had, over the years, made certain statements to Minister Farrakhan that led (guided) him to the recognition—to a certain extent—that his teacher was the Messiah/Christ, and that he had a special future work to do in connection with this recognition.

According to the word-picture painted in the New Testament, the followers of Jesus came to see him much clearer after he departed and went to his Father (God). This word-picture is being fulfilled, in reality, even as you read these words. We are, for instance, living out, or fulfilling, the Book of Acts, as well as other writings and histories.

None of this is not to ignore specific truths the Honorable Elijah Muhammad said to this or that person, among his relatives, staff, followers and others. None of this is intended to ignore their value to the rise of Black people.

(If it pleases Allah, I hope to gather from them that which will form part of the basis of a series of volumes on the history of the Nation of Islam, which I've worked on since 1976.)

More next issue, Allah willing.

THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION BEGINS / IN SEARCH OF THE MESSIAH

Teaching Our Children the Meaning of the English Alphabet and the Mathematical Language of Islam

Unveiling the Number 19

by Mother Tynnetta Muhammad

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"Those who believe not in Allah's messages, Allah guides them not, and for them is a painful chastisement. Only they forge lies who believe not in Allah's messages, and they are the liars." —**Holy Qur'an, Surah 16, verses 104-105**

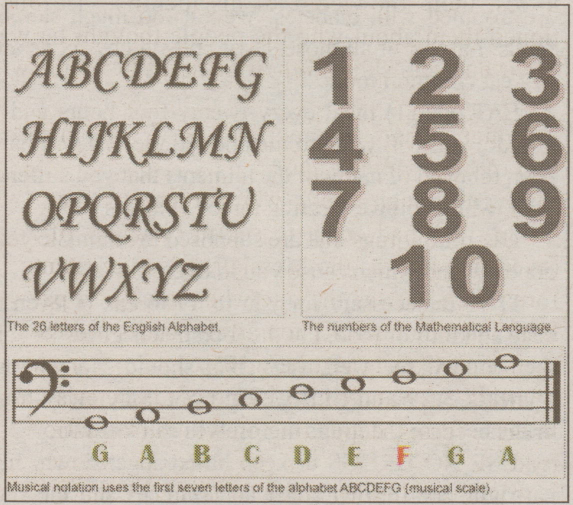
Let us take another look at our assignments of the Supreme Wisdom Lessons. English Lesson No. C1 consists of 36 lines. In this number is included 26 numbers symbolic of the 26 letters of the English Alphabet, and the remaining 10 may be taken to represent the 10 numbers of the Mathematical Language.

The Great Master, W. Fard Muhammad, The Great Mahdi, Came revealing Himself in the numerical code and mystical symbolism of letters and numbers and introduced to us courses of study of the Supreme Wisdom in which we must apply the Mathematical Theology of Islam to access greater knowledge and understanding about ourselves and others.

There is a deep science behind the use of these 26 letters of the English Alphabet and the 10 numbers of the Mathematical Language which create a whole new world of our own even into the formation of an entirely new Galaxy from the one in which we presently reside. Our ten questions and answers of Student Enrollment begin this process as a study of the Family of the Sun and her nine planets which is referred to as the 'Big Ten.'

We are told in Paragraph 6 of 13 early instructions given to the laborers in 1933 that all our lessons of the Supreme Wisdom, given to us to study by the Master, should be memorized by heart because as is stated, "It is all his and her own. The Time is ripe for us to Reclaim our own, which is knowledge, understanding and a high civilization. We all are equipped physically and mentally to accomplish the said, above, with little study—young, old, men, women and children."

As I reviewed once again the title of our assignment, English No. C1, I thought about the letter C as the initial letter of the name Christ to describe Master W. Fard Muhammad's first Coming and Mission to find and identify His Lost and Found People (ex-slaves) of America, and Redeem us back to His Father's House and people and restore us as we once were in the beginning of the Creation of the heavens and the earth.



The 26 letters of the English Alphabet.

The numbers of the Mathematical Language.

Musical notation uses the first seven letters of the alphabet ABCDEFG (musical scale).

I wondered if the next assignment we would receive entitled, English Lesson No. C2 might refer to the second appearance of Christ, the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, that (God) has regenerated into Himself upon His Second Coming. I also noted that the first seven letters of the English alphabet are used in musical notation—ABCDEFG.

The remaining 19 letters gives us the Mathematical Code of the Holy Qur'an's Revelation to Prophet Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). With further analysis, the 26 letters of the English alphabet gives us the basic language of astronomy as well as it serves as the Birth date of the Great Mahdi, Master W. F. Muhammad, born on February 26, 1877.

The number 26 represents the 26 letters of the English alphabet. The month of February contains eight letters and it is the second month of the year (8 + 2) = 10, which symbolizes the 10 numbers of the Mathematical Language. We will also note that most nursery rhymes are accompanied by a melody or a tune which helps the student to memorize and learn the words more easily. It is as if we have a musical brain timed to the rhythms and cadence of the universe. The early ancient cultures of our aboriginal people most often chant or sing mantras in their ceremonies which include some sort of movement or dance exercise enhanced with meditation and humming which increases the frequency of their communion with God.

I recall the words of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad in the Theology of Time, while tracing Allah's origin in the darkness of space, when He speaks of being able to calculate on the time when God began to sing and to dance. Our true bedtime story, as contained in English Lesson Number C1, reveals the identity of Christ as manifested in the Person of Master W. Fard Muhammad coming under a disguise in His Divine Mission of the Resurrection of His dead people. So, our bedtime story is to awaken our children and our families from a deep sleep that has lasted thousands of years on our planet under the dominion of the White man's rule.

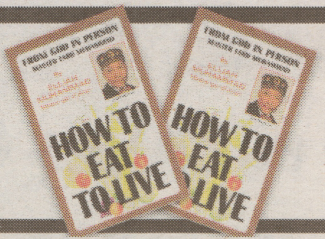
We will also note that the remaining 19 letters of the English Alphabet give up the Mathematical Code of the Holy Qur'an's Revelation, and there are 19 letters in the spelling of his name, Master W. Fard Muhammad.

"These are they whose hearts and ears and eyes Allah has sealed and these are the heedless ones. No doubt that in the Hereafter they are the losers. Then surely thy Lord, to those who flee after they are persecuted, then struggle hard and are patient, surely thy Lord after that is protecting, Merciful."—**Holy Qur'an, Surah 16, verses 108-110**

To be continued.

How To Eat To Live

BY THE MOST HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD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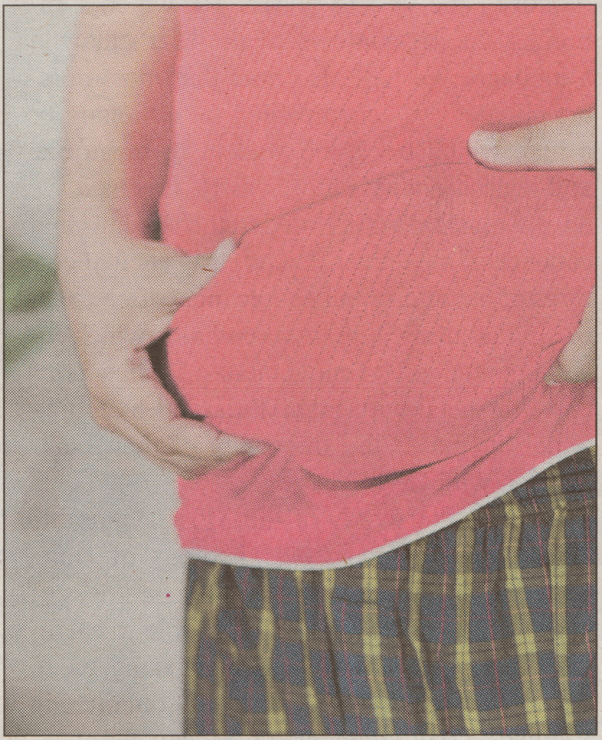

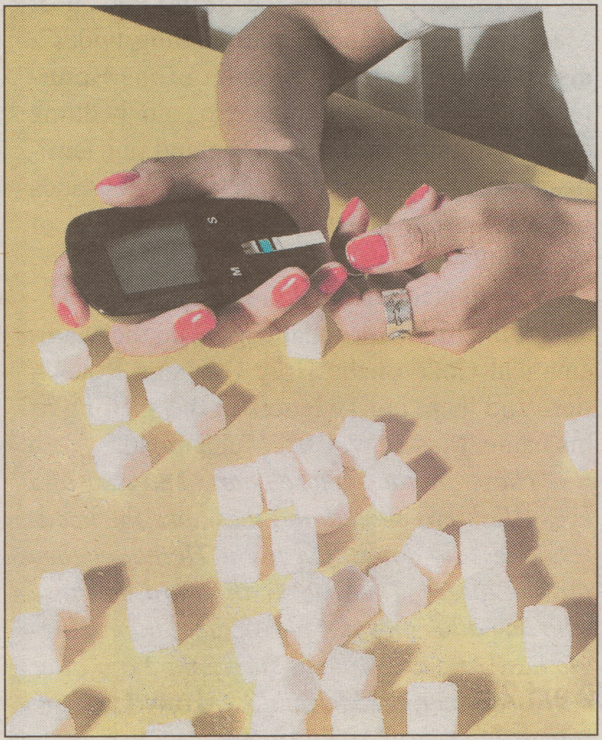

EAT one (1) meal per day and do not eat the food that you know is against you. If you do not know what foods are against you, please write to me and tell me what you are eating.

SUGAR—you eat too much sugar that is why we are troubled with diabetes. We eat too much starchy foods. Lay off of all those sugar and starchy foods and just eat common food.

EAT one (1) meal every twenty-four hours and if you do, you will write to me and tell me that you have been relieved of many of the ailments that you suffered with, while you were eating three (3) meals a day.

Lay off of drugs that are supposed to stimulate your appetite, and which cause you to overeat.

IT IS unnecessary for you to try to eat, or even to taste all kinds of food. Eat the food that is good for you, then you will feel well, as a person should. Many of our ailments can be cured if we eat right. Stay away from drugs because the drugs themselves can kill you.

USE NO DRUGS to keep blood sugar down. Just eat right. Stop eating sugar and starches and the sugar in your blood will clear up. I know because I have self-experience.

LAY off of starchy food and eat foods that contain protein.

DO NOT LET ANYONE TELL YOU THAT YOU CAN ENJOY GOOD HEALTH WHILE EATING THREE (3) MEALS PER DAY.

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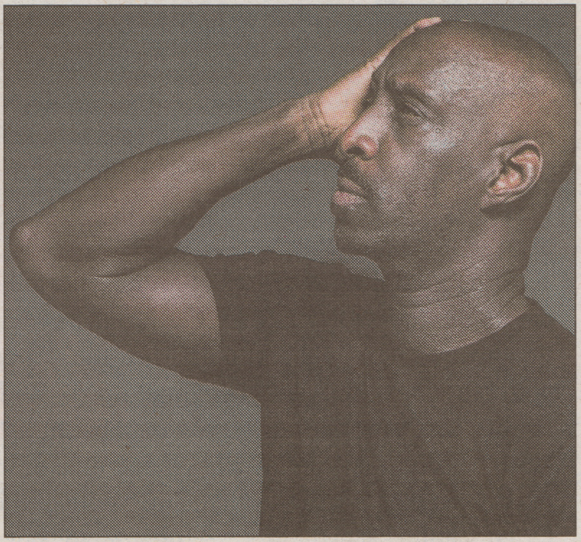

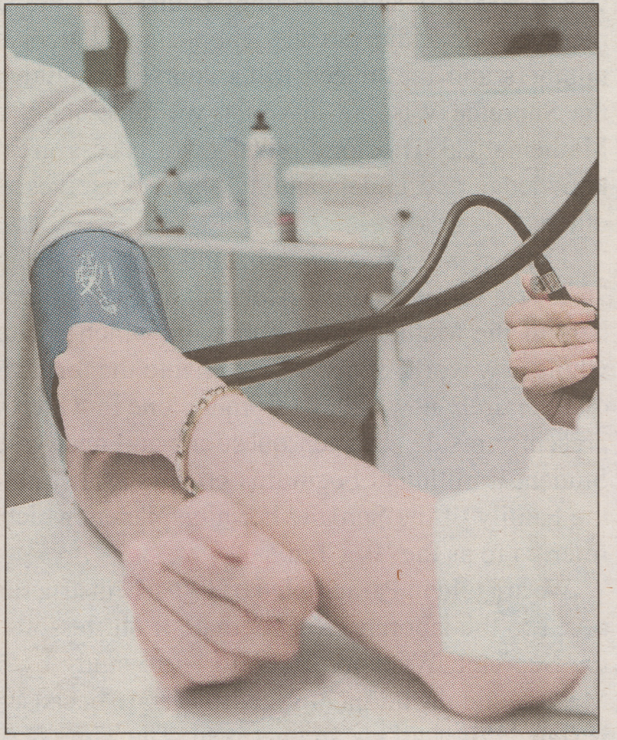

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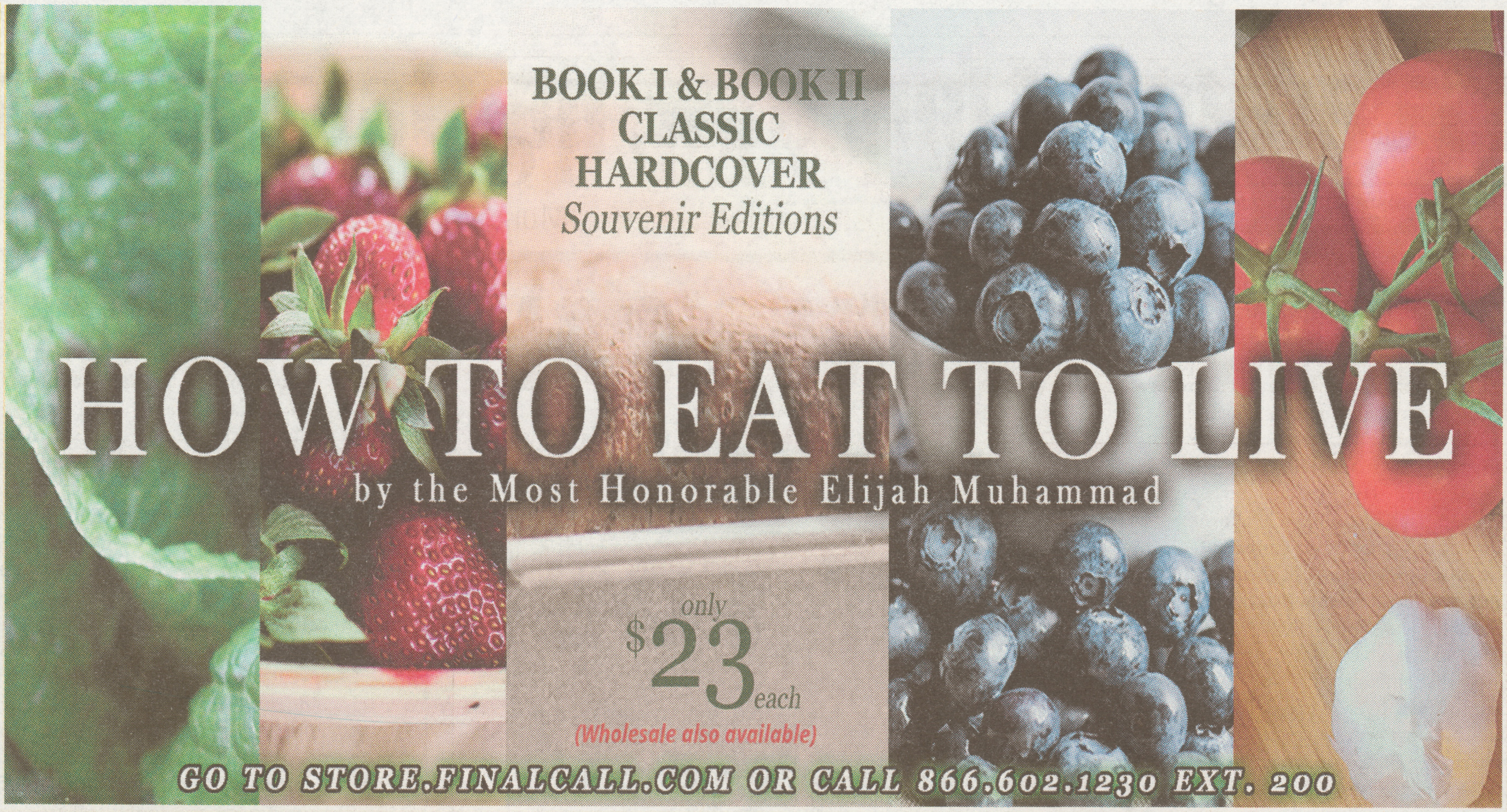

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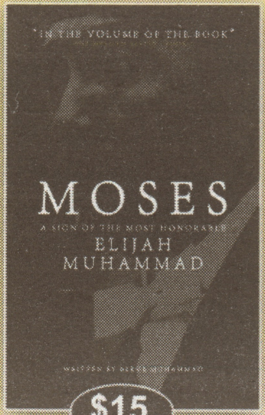
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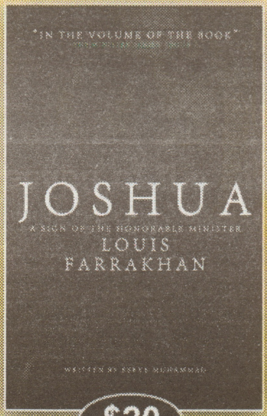
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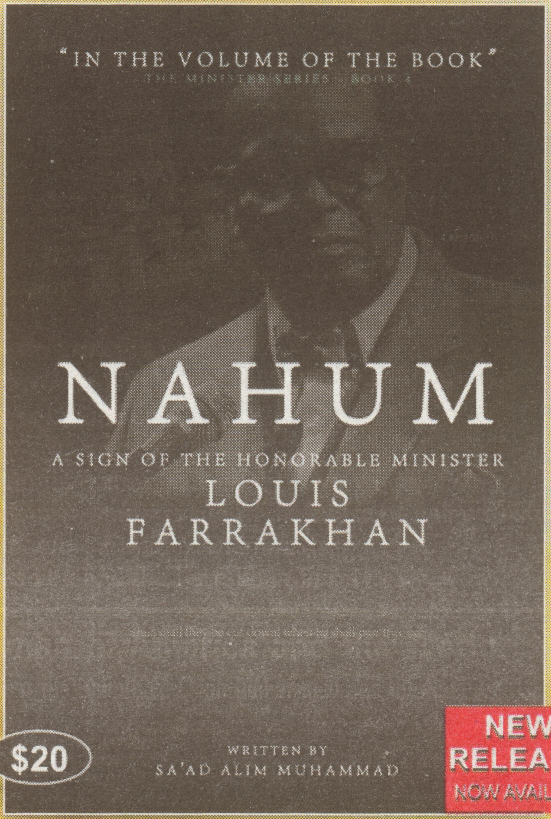
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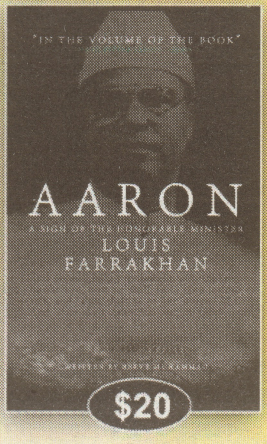
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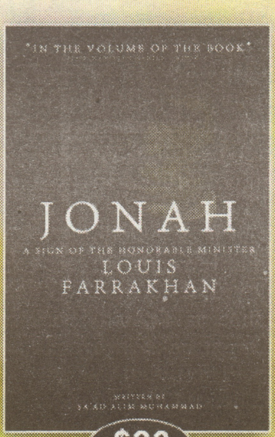
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Be careful of buy now, pay later plans

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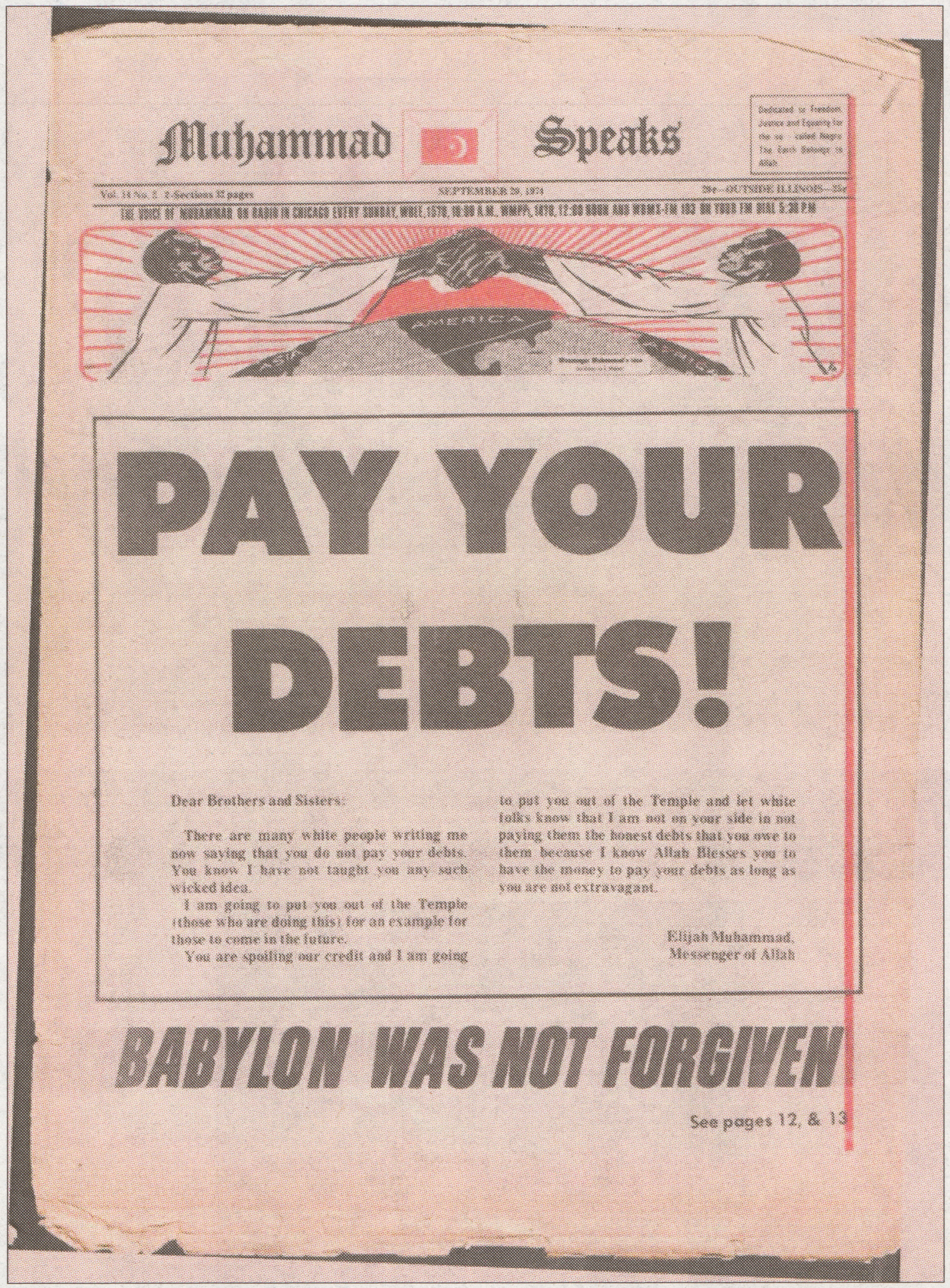

Muhammad Speaks

PAY YOUR DEBTS!

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

There are many white people writing me now saying that you do not pay your debts. You know I have not taught you any such wicked idea.

I am going to put you out of the Temple (those who are doing this) for an example for those to come in the future.

You are spoiling our credit and I am going to put you out of the Temple and let white folks know that I am not on your side in not paying them the honest debts that you owe to them because I know Allah Blesses you to have the money to pay your debts as long as you are not extravagant.

Elijah Muhammad,
Messenger of Allah

BABYLON WAS NOT FORGIVEN

See pages 12, & 13

In this edition of Muhammad Speaks, the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad instructs His followers to pay their debts. Graphic: Muhammad Speaks

The increasing financial pressure from real-life expenses, such as grocery shopping and paying high rent, is prompting more Americans to turn to deferred payment options, making this service very attractive to some consumers. These plans, known as "Buy Now, Pay Later" (BNPL), can be used for expenses such as clothing, healthcare, entertainment, groceries, or dining out.

However, at what cost to consumers?

These services offer short-term loans that enable consumers to purchase products and services, with the option to repay the amount in a set number of installments over a predetermined period. The most prevalent BNPL model is known as "4-in-6" or "pay-in-four," where consumers settle a purchase in four equal, interest-free payments: The initial payment is made at the point of sale, followed by the remaining payments in three bi-weekly intervals.

This service can seem like a quick convenience. During tough economic times, something you need but can't afford can easily be purchased using credit products like Affirm, Afterpay, or Klarna. Your payments are spread out over several weeks to months, typically consisting of four payments over a six-week period. You can select when and how you pay it off.

However, the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Eternal Leader of the Nation of Islam, warned Black people about unnecessary spending or spending beyond one's means. "The first step the so-called Negro wage-earners should take is to spend only when necessary and according to their income. They should save as much of their salaries as possible—weekly, biweekly or monthly," the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad wrote on page 195 of His book, "Message To The Blackman in America."

He continued, "We, as wage earners, should always plan to save something from whatever we are paid. Do not become extravagant spenders like the rich, who own the country and everything in it. It is sheer ignorance for us to try to compete in luxury with the owners."

A recent survey found that approximately half of the population views the cost of groceries as a significant stress factor in their lives, with 19% of those worried having utilized deferred payment services for groceries at some point. In total, 29% of people have used deferred payment services, with a higher prevalence among individuals under 45 compared to older adults.

The AP NORC (Associated Press) National Opinion Research Center) survey found that 53% of adults reported that grocery expenses are a major source of stress, and another 33% said they are a minor source of stress. About half also identify housing costs as a significant concern—additionally, 43% express stress related to their income and savings. Healthcare costs are also a significant source of stress for four in ten adults.

Increasing prices and more days left in the month than Harrison Thompson had money to cover seemed to be a recurring source of stress. His paycheck used to stretch further and do more for his family, but lately, with rising rent, gas, and occasional outings with his wife, by the middle of the month, he was broke until his next paycheck.

Mr. Thompson said though he has tried these services he did express caution because these services do not solve the problem of rising prices.

BNPL options may be too good to be true for some people. A recent survey by Lending Tree asked people about their behaviors and perspectives regarding these popular loans. It found that more than four in 10 (41%) users of BNPL loans reported paying late on one of them in the past year, up from 34% just a year ago.

The survey found that, surprisingly, high-income borrowers are among the most likely to pay late, along with men, young people, and parents of young children. Other key findings include that nearly one in four BNPL users (23%) report having three or more active BNPL loans at the same time.

A closer look at these products reveals that they often come with hidden costs and risks, including late fees, higher interest rates, and increased overdraft fees. By breaking down purchases into smaller installments and providing access to interest-free credit, the smaller, interest-free installments may also lead some consumers to perceive purchases as more affordable than they are, increasing the risk of overspending, debt accumulation, and even default.

What happens if you don't make your payment on time? Mounting late fees will accrue. Fumiko Hayashi and Aditi Routh from the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City examined the financial challenges and payment behaviors of people utilizing Buy Now, Pay Later. They found that BNPL users are often more financially at risk than non-users.

Their study also showed a strong connection between late payments on BNPL loans and financial difficulties. This suggests that some BNPL users who pay late may have overspent or taken on too much debt with BNPL.

According to Consumer Reports, BNPL comes with several risks, including negatively impacting a person's credit score for missed payments.

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, National Representative of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, has cautioned Black people in several public addresses that "debt is slavery." The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad also stressed to, pay your debts!

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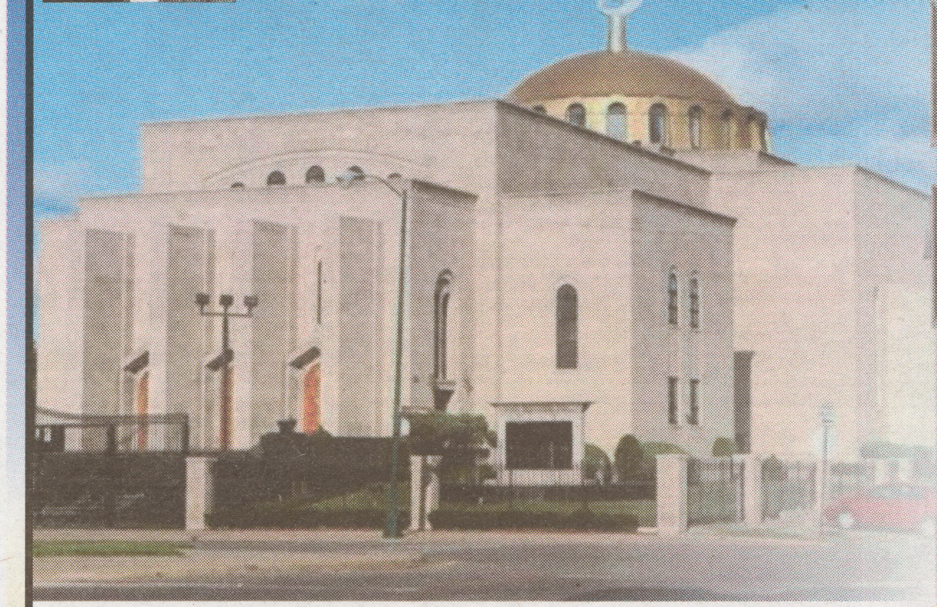

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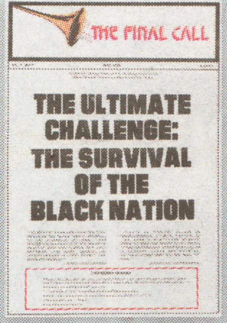

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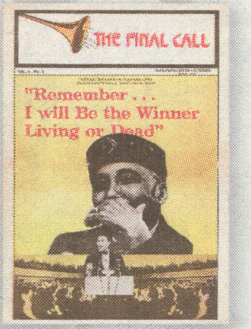

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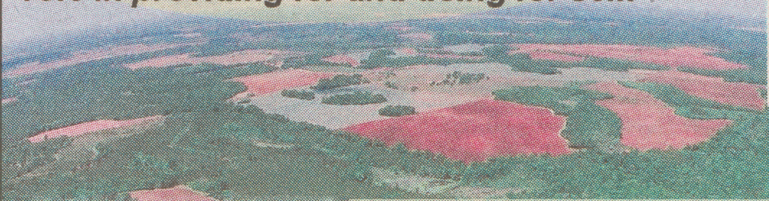

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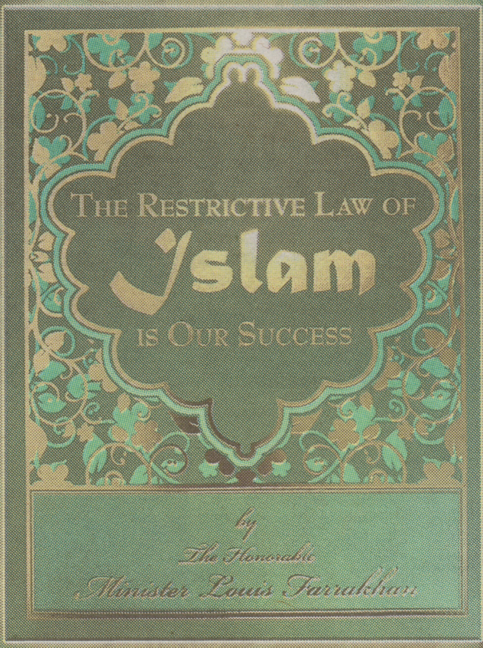
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Black farmers

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resilience and a cautionary tale. Where once there were hundreds of Black farm families, now only a fraction remains. Shelton Muhammad's battle to protect his farm is part of that broader legacy of survival in a county where land has always been the measure of freedom.

Without historical context, Mr. Muhammad's accusations may sound far-fetched, but at the height of Black farm ownership in 1920, there were nearly one million Black farmers in America. Today, fewer than 50,000 remain—just 1.3 percent of the nation's 3.4 million farmers, according to USDA data. Advocates argue this catastrophic decline is no accident but the result of discriminatory lending, foreclosure tactics, and systemic neglect.

The USDA has faced multiple lawsuits. The landmark Pigford v. Glickman case, settled in 1999, admitted decades of discrimination. Billions in settlements were promised, but many farmers—including elders who had lost everything—died without ever seeing justice.

"They want you to think this is about one farm or one family," Mr. Muhammad said. "But what's happening to me has been happening to Black farmers for over a century. It's the same playbook—delay your applications, deny your loans, then move in to seize your land.

"This is how Black families lose what our ancestors fought to build," he added. "It's not just dirt—it's our inheritance, our history, and our future."

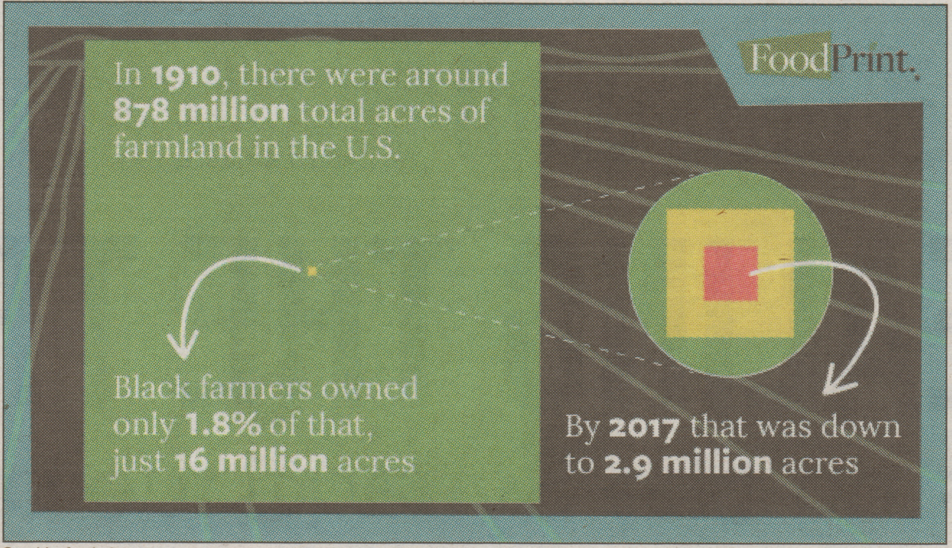
Healing from the land

While Shelton Muhammad fights to hold onto his land in Virginia, another family shows how farming can also be a path to health and healing.

At Black Oaks Farm, Dr. Jifunza Wright Carter, a physician and farmer, leads a 12-week program called Power Pressure Down, designed to combat hypertension naturally. Families in Roseland, Robbins, South Shore, and Phoenix receive classes, fresh produce, eggs, and herbs.

"Hypertension is really chronic under-oxygenation of our tissues," Dr. Wright Carter explained. "One patient told me it feels like you're suffocating from within. We teach families how to restore oxygenation naturally—through food, herbs and lifestyle—not just prescriptions." Her work connects to broader equity struggles.

"Most people don't know this, but before corn and soybeans took over, Illinois was a vegetable belt," she said.



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Ena Jones with Mr. Wilburn at his Georgia Farm.
Photos courtesy of Ena Jones

Ena Jones inspects crops at a small local farm.

"If you are a Black American and your family has been in the Midwest for more than two generations, your DNA was fed by this soil."

Pembroke was once home to the largest Black farming community in the Midwest, with as many as 20,000 acres owned by Black truck farmers who supplied migrating families.

"The elders told us about the glory of this place, but most of that history was never written down," Dr. Wright Carer recalled.

She and her husband, Fred Carter, recently reclaimed 15 acres once promised by an elder's family. They plan a garden honoring Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, longtime Black farmers, and a grove memorializing children lost to gun violence.

A land rooted in freedom

Pembroke's story is deeply tied to both the land and the long Black freedom struggle. Situated in Kankakee County, the rural township became a haven for Black farmers and formerly enslaved people in the 19th century. Local oral history and state archives note that Pembroke was a stop on the Underground Railroad, with families offering safe passage to those fleeing slavery.

By the mid-20th century, Pembroke had grown into one of the largest Black farming communities in the Midwest, with as many as 20,000 acres owned by hundreds of families. Truck farmers supplied produce to Chicago's South and West Sides, ensuring Black households migrating North had access to fresh, culturally familiar food, according to various reports.

The community became a rare example of independent Black land ownership in the North—an inheritance from both Reconstruction-era migration and the Great Migration. But, like many Black agricultural communities nationwide, Pembroke faced targeted neglect. Roads were left unpaved, utilities were delayed, and discriminatory lending compounded the economic strain. Land speculators and conservation groups later moved in, reducing Black landholdings even further.

Even so, Pembroke remains a symbol of resilience. Its farmers carried forward traditions of self-sufficiency and mutual aid that Dr. Wright Carter and Fred Carter now seek to revive. "This land holds memory," she said. "It holds both trauma and healing. Our job is to restore it, grow from it, and pass it on."

Planting seeds for the future

Further north, based in Chicago, Ena Jones, founder of Roots & Vine Produce and Café, is focused on the next generation. She and her son are raising funds to purchase a 20-acre farm south of the city as a youth agricultural training and retreat center.

"This is more than a farm," Ms. Jones said. "It's a living classroom, a safe space, and a launchpad for the next generation of food leaders from our own communities."

Her nonprofit, Green Table Talks, is driving the campaign, Buy Butter. Build the Farm, combining handcrafted body butter sales with grassroots donations.

But like Mr. Muhammad, she says she has faced USDA barriers.

"We submitted applications, followed the process, and still got silence or rejection," she said. "Programs that are supposed to help us too often become tools that shut us out."

With fewer than 60 Black farmers left in Illinois, Ms. Jones sees her fight as part of a survival strategy. "There are only about 58 Black farmers in Illinois out of tens of thousands," she said. "That's not by accident—it's ongoing discrimination. We can't wait for them to save us. We have to build it ourselves."

The USDA had not responded to inquiries about Mr. Muhammad and Ms. Jones by Final Call press time.

From Virginia's embattled chicken houses to Illinois' healing fields and Chicago's youth-focused farm vision, Black families are connecting the dots between land, health, and independence as taught and demonstrated by the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan has stated that farming is the engine of our national life.

"Every room you sit in, everything in it, started with a farmer," Ms. Jones said. "Agriculture is the foundation of everything. If we don't reclaim our stake, our children will starve," she added.

For Shelton Muhammad, the stakes are existential. "This is about whether we will ever be independent," he said. "If Black farmers united and fed our people, many of the problems we talk about wouldn't exist. That's why they fight so hard to keep us from succeeding."

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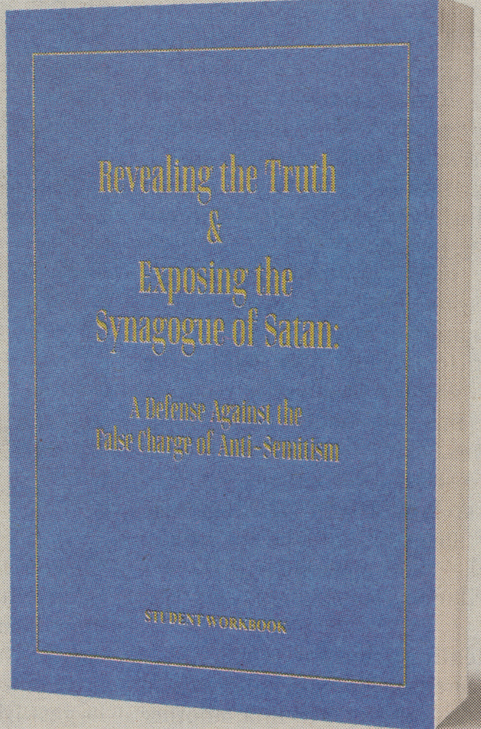

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Conference

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food sovereignty, exposing companies and organizations complicit in the genocide, the student movement, strategies to isolate Zionism, Gaza's medical capacity and healthcare, breaking the siege, legal action against war criminals and the global movement for Palestine.

This year's conference also included a children's program for ages 6-12.

Organizers incorporated art and culture through an art and photography exhibit, a virtual reality exhibit that took viewers on an immersive journey to the Gaza that existed before Oct. 2023 and performances featuring song and dance in the evenings. An auction for Gaza also occurred to raise funds for the Middle East Children's Alliance.

Detroit is a majority-Black city situated next to Dearborn, which has an Arab-majority population.

Metro-Detroit native Nelson Garay, a coordinating member of Detroit's People's Assembly and a son of Salvadoran immigrants, shared words about the unique history of Detroit, including the city being a key stop on the Underground Railroad during the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, the Blackburn Riots of 1833, when Black Detroiters rose up after the imprisonment of a Black couple, the founding of the Nation of Islam in 1930, the Detroit Riot of 1967 and today, the continued fight against water shutoffs, gentrification, police violence and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detentions and raids.

"Through this conference, I invite all of you to take part in the rich revolutionary tradition of Detroit and to add to this important legacy. In one voice, let us declare that we will not stand for the dehumanization of the Palestinian people, and we will not settle for anything less than their true liberation from the genocidal apartheid state," Mr. Garay said.

Palestine today

As Israel continues its genocidal war, Palestinians who live in the West Bank, Gaza and other areas of Palestine suffer from settler violence, territorial expansion, annexation, starvation, siege tactics and sustained military bombardment. A plenary session exploring these conditions looked at both achievements and setbacks in the struggle for liberation.

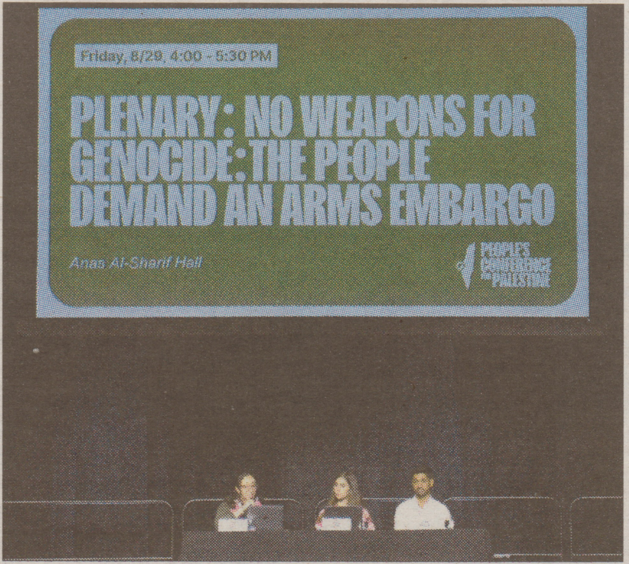
Panelist Fadi Quran, founder of Thiqa, an initiative working to reconnect Palestinian communities, discussed Israel's strategy to use genocidal tactics and starvation in Gaza to fragment and dominate and to flood the West Bank with settlers, who have taken over much of the land. He noted how Israel attempts to destroy everywhere Palestinians are resisting, including in refugee camps, and argued that part of Israel's plan is to move toward giving Palestinians three options: becoming foreigners on their own land without rights, emigrate, or erasure and genocide if they refuse the first two options.

The panelists also addressed alleged internal repression by the Palestinian National Authority, which they referred to as the Palestinian Authority, or PA. They accused the PA of being designed to quell protests and described it as a dictatorship filled with corruption and bowing to U.S. and Israeli pressure.

"The PA is an enemy to resistance. As we speak, there are 400 resistance fighters in the prisons of the PA being tortured day in and day out," Omar Assaf, a freed political prisoner, said, according to the Arabic-to-English translators. He pinpointed pillars of resistance, including strengthening steadfastness, supporting the rural areas of the West Bank, centralizing the lists of companies and enterprises that should be boycotted and preparing a general strike and civil disobedience in the West Bank. He also echoed the need for international cases to be brought against Israel.

Reaching the skies

Palestinian youth ensemble sing "Mawtini" (My Homeland), an unofficial national anthem. Photos: Andrea Muhammad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During a plenary on the demand for an arms embargo, panelists discuss strategies to stop the flow of weapons to Israel.

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The People's Conference for Palestine honored Palestinian martyrs. Banners of journalist Anas Al-Sharif adorned the main hall. Mr. Sharif was targeted and killed in an Israeli drone strike in Gaza City on Aug. 10.

To overcome some of the present challenges in Palestine and to advance liberation, he ranked what the priorities should be, the highest on the list being to stop the genocide, starvation and war crimes in Gaza. The second priority is to stop the settlements and confiscation of land; third, to stop the dictatorship taking over Palestinian leadership; fourth, to end the split in the political leadership in Palestinian factions; fifth, to end the corruption taking over leadership; sixth, to raise the consciousness of Palestinian people to work as a collective rather than as individuals and seventh, to look at the role civil society plays in the struggle.

The continued fight

With family roots in Palestine, mixed martial artist and UFC champion Belal Muhammad was born a fighter. But addressing conference attendees, he shared how Palestinians have been fighting the real fight.

"When I fight, I go into the cage, 25 minutes. People ask, 'Are you nervous? How does it feel?' But I tell them this is not even a real fight. This is a game. The people of Palestine are fighting every single day to live, to see tomorrow," he said. "When I go into the cage and I'm fearless, it just pushes me to win and to never break. That's what Palestine is. The people there will never break, they'll never fold, they'll never give up."

He encouraged attendees: "Don't shy away. Don't be afraid. If you're from Palestine, be proud of it. Walk with the flag. Walk with the keffiyeh. If people turn their head at you or look at you in a weird way, put your chin up, chest out. Show them we walk with pride. Show them who you are."

His remarks were followed by words from U.S. Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) of Detroit, who electrified the listening audience. She criticized the U.S. government for its role in the Palestinian genocide and called out the genocide enablers within the government.

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Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.)

"I want to say to all of them, every genocide enabler, look at this room … . We ain't going anywhere!" she said. "It's not the genocide-enabling Congress that will free our people. It is only us. It can only be us."

She cautioned those in the audience that "what's been tested on the killing fields of Gaza is already being deployed right here on the streets of America. What our government is willing to do to Palestinians, they are willing to do to all of you." The government that's willing to supply Israel with bombs to destroy hospitals and to manufacture mass starvation "is also the same government that's defunding health care and food assistance programs here in our country," she added. "It is no surprise that a government that uses its military force to kill and torture and kidnap people abroad will turn those same forces on its own people here on the streets. A government that doesn't value human life in Gaza will never value human life in our country."

In the conference's closing remarks, Jenan Awaida with the Palestinian Youth Movement reminded attendees: "The purpose of this conference does not end when we leave this convention."

"Liberation is achieved when the cost of occupation is higher than the cost of liberation, and this is what we must do from here in the diaspora. We must make the occupation and the genocide so untenable, so unsustainable, that they can no longer maintain it. Every sector of society must become a front for confronting Zionism," she said.

"We are dealing with a world system that facilitates genocide through the role of government, corporations, media, institutions; a system manufactured by greedy corporations and billionaires. But comrades, we come from a long legacy of people who have fought tooth and nail to take down these systems, people who have sacrificed their lives for this struggle, and we have a responsibility to keep fighting. And we fight not because we have hate in our hearts. We fight because we love life."

She urged participants to go back to their cities and get involved in the campaign to cut the flow of weapons to Israel and the campaign to confront the pro-Israel lobby led by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. She also announced a mass protest that will take place outside of the United Nations General Assembly in New York City on Sept. 26.

"If the White House chooses to welcome war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu, we must show the world that we the people will never accept it. We will convene in the thousands in New York City to say that Netanyahu is not welcome, that he must be tried and convicted," Ms. Awaida said.

Local Detroit resident and activist Raina Masra, 40, who attended the conference, enjoyed hearing from the diversity of speakers. "I think it's critical to raise our voices. I think people have been silent on this issue for too long, and it's time for people to organize, get together, see what initiatives people are doing and learn how to join in," she said to The Final Call.

She recognized that the conditions in Gaza and in the West Bank are already bad and are getting worse.

"We need to call for the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation to be shut down. It's forcing people to go to militarized zones to collect aid, where they're shot at and killed," she said. "Aid needs to be let in, and the Palestinian people need to be liberated so they can be in control of their own destiny."

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THE MUSLIM PROGRAM

What The Muslims Want

This is the question asked most frequently by both the Whites and the Blacks. The answers to this question I shall state as simply as possible.

1. We want freedom. We want a full and complete freedom.

2. We want justice. Equal justice under the law. We want justice applied equally to all, regardless of creed or class or color.

3. We want equality of opportunity. We want equal membership in society with the best in civilized society.

4. We want our people in America whose parents or grandparents were descendants from slaves, to be allowed to establish a separate state or territory of their own—either on this continent or elsewhere. We believe that our former slave masters are obligated to provide such land and that the area must be fertile and minerally rich. We believe that our former slave masters are obligated to maintain and supply our needs in this separate territory for the next 20 to 25 years—until we are able to produce and supply our own needs.

Since we cannot get along with them in peace and equality, after giving them 400 years of our sweat and blood and receiving in return some of the worst treatment human beings have ever experienced, we believe our contributions to this land and the suffering forced upon us by White America, justifies our demand for complete separation in a state or territory of our own.

5. We want freedom for all Believers of Islam now held in federal prisons. We want freedom for all Black men and women now under death sentence in innumerable prisons in the North as well as the South.

We want every Black man and woman to have the freedom to accept or reject being separated from the slave master's children and establish a land of their own.

We know that the above plan for the solution of the Black and White conflict is the best and only answer to the problem between two people.

6. We want an immediate end to the police brutality and mob attacks against the so-called Negro throughout the United States.

We believe that the Federal government should intercede to see that Black men and women tried in White courts receive justice in accordance with the laws of the land—or allow us to build a new nation for ourselves, dedicated to justice, freedom and liberty.

7. As long as we are not allowed to establish a state or territory of our own, we demand not only equal justice under the laws of the United States, but equal employment opportunities—**NOW!**

We do not believe that after 400 years of free or nearly free labor, sweat and blood, which has helped America become rich and powerful, that so many thousands of Black people should have to subsist on relief, charity or live in poor houses.

8. We want the government of the United States to exempt our people from ALL taxation as long as we are deprived of equal justice under the laws of the land.

9. We want equal education—but separate schools up to 16 for boys and 18 for girls on the condition that the girls be sent to women's colleges and universities. We want all Black children educated, taught and trained by their own teachers.

Under such schooling system we believe we will make a better nation of people. The United States government should provide, free, all necessary textbooks and equipment, schools and college buildings. The Muslim teachers shall be left free to teach and train their people in the way of righteousness, decency and self-respect.

The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad

10. We believe that intermarriage or race mixing should be prohibited. We want the religion of Islam taught without hindrance or suppression.

These are some of the things that we, the Muslims, want for our people in North America.

What The Muslims Believe

1. WE BELIEVE in the One God Whose proper Name is Allah.

2. WE BELIEVE in the Holy Qur'an and in the Scriptures of all the Prophets of God.

3. WE BELIEVE in the truth of the Bible, but we believe that it has been tampered with and must be reinterpreted so that mankind will not be snared by the falsehoods that have been added to it.

4. WE BELIEVE in Allah's Prophets and the Scriptures they brought to the people.

5. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of the dead—not in physical resurrection—but in mental resurrection. We believe that the so-called Negroes are most in need of mental resurrection, therefore, they will be resurrected first.

Furthermore, we believe we are the people of God's choice, as it has been written, that God would choose the rejected and the despised. We can find no other persons fitting this description in these last days more than the so-called Negroes in America. We believe in the resurrection of the righteous.

6. WE BELIEVE in the judgment; we believe this first judgment will take place as God revealed, in America.

7. WE BELIEVE this is the time in history for the separation of the so-called Negroes and the so-called White Americans. We believe the Black man should be freed in name as well as in fact. By this we mean that he should be freed from the names imposed upon him by his former slave masters. Names which identified him as being the slave master's slave. We believe that if we are free indeed, we should go in our own people's names—the Black peoples of the Earth.

8. WE BELIEVE in justice for all, whether in God or not; we believe as others, that we are due equal justice as human beings. We believe in equality—as a nation—of equals. We do not believe that we are equal with our slave masters in the status of "freed slaves."

We recognize and respect American citizens as independent peoples and we respect their laws which govern this nation.

9. WE BELIEVE that the offer of integration is hypocritical and is made by those who are trying to deceive the Black peoples into believing that their 400-year-old open enemies of freedom, justice and equality are, all of a sudden, their "friends." Furthermore, we believe that such deception is intended to prevent Black people from realizing that the time in history has arrived for the separation from the Whites of this nation.

If the White people are truthful about their professed friendship toward the so-called Negro, they can prove it by dividing up America with their slaves.

We do not believe that America will ever be able to furnish enough jobs for her own millions of unemployed, in addition to jobs for the 20,000,000 Black people as well.

10. WE BELIEVE that we who declare ourselves to be righteous Muslims, should not participate in wars which take the lives of humans. We do not believe this nation should force us to take part in such wars, for we have nothing to gain from it unless America agrees to give us the necessary territory wherein we may have something to fight for.

11. WE BELIEVE our women should be respected and protected as the women of other nationalities are respected and protected.

12. WE BELIEVE that Allah (God) appeared in the Person of Master W. Fard Muhammad, July, 1930; the long-awaited "Messiah" of the Christians and the "Mahdi" of the Muslims.

We believe further and lastly that Allah is God and besides HIM there is no God and He will bring about a universal government of peace wherein we all can live in peace together.

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